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A day after being reported missing, the car of taxi driver Qi Run Li was found abandoned Tuesday in a parking lot in Chalan Laulau, its doors open but with no keys in sight.

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400 fruit bats poached in 2 years

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Between April 2008 and May 2010, an estimated 400 Mariana fruit bats or "fanihis" have been killed by poachers on Rota but no one has so far been arrested or charged in connection with the poaching of these endangered species found only in the CNMI and Guam.

Because they are endemic to the Marianas, fanihis could be wiped out from the face of the Earth if illegal poaching continues.

The last poaching incidents to target maternity colony roosts on Rota

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Fuji Maru delegation takes part in 'Friendship Party'

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Visiting young businessmen from Japan mug for the camera before the start of the "friendship party" at the American Memorial Park in Garapan late yesterday afternoon. Over 850 members of the Junior Chamber International in Japan are on Saipan, most of them arrived yesterday aboard the cruise ship *Fuji Maru*, which departs this afternoon. Inset shows Escolastica Cabrera, 80, left, receiving a treat from visitors.

By DENCIO MANGLONA
STUDENT INTERN

Over 850 young Japanese businessmen—all members of the Junior Chamber International in Japan—converged at the American Memorial Park in Garapan at 5pm yesterday for a "Friendship Party" that celebrated the strong ties between the CNMI and Japan.

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> —Gov. Benigno R. Fitial

Fitial: CUC will get another $1.2M

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial said yesterday that $1.2 million will be given to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. for its immediate purchase of fuel to run the power plants.

The governor said the administration will continue to find money for CUC, which is

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Saipan Pacific Winds ends season with free concert

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The Saipan Pacific Winds band brought their 16th season to an end by holding a free concert Wednesday night at the American Memorial Park.

Co-conductors William DeWitt and Christina Nierras led the band in playing selected pieces by Ray Charles, Michael Jackson, Elvis Presley, and John Philip Sousa, among others.

With all the activities the band has be a part of, DeWitt described their 16th season as "one of the fastest." "We played for Memorial Day, Veterans Day, we've got some Christmas concerts, we're very active in partnering with the Friends of the Arts. We've probably done more music this year than any other year before," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Nierras said that playing the kind of music the community enjoys is a great way to end a fantastic season.

DeWitt is also pleased to have student and adult members blend their talents to form an ensemble. "Our band is as diverse as the island itself. We have people of all ages, all backgrounds, all professions here," he added.

Membership woes

DeWitt said the band is always looking for new members. They recruit their members mostly by word of mouth. "It seems like being on a small island, word gets around pretty well about who we are and what we do," he added.

Another method is by way of association. "Many people get involved because they know someone else who's currently in the band or was in the band. Old members bring in a new member sometimes," he said.

At present, the band has about 30 members, according to DeWitt.

However, DeWitt said that membership might be a concern, now that the season has ended. "We are losing about 60 percent of our group after [tonight's] performance, either to moving away, graduation or going to college."

Ken Alvarado said being with the band was difficult at first but, after four years, "I went through the ranks and became

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'Fernandez lawsuit not surprising'

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Northern Marianas College regent Andrew Orsini, one of those being sued by former NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez, admitted yesterday her lawsuit did not come as a surprise to the Board of Regents.

Orsini, the board's personnel committee chairman, together with board chair Janet King, vice chair Maria Paz Younis, and fiscal and personnel committee chair Frank Rabauliman, are being sued for alleged wrongful termination and defamation. NMC was also named respondent of the lawsuit.

Orsini disclosed that after the board terminated Fernandez on April 12, 2010, information has been going around that she will take the issue to court. In fact, Orsini said, Tuesday's filing was a little later than what he had initially expected.

Orsini said that, although he could not speak on behalf of the board, he is ready to face Fernandez in court.

He said he is confident the board made the right decision in the case and that NMC went through the proper procedures. Orsini said the decision was based on the findings of the twin investigations conducted by the college's internal legal counsel and the Attorney General's Office.

Four of the seven-member body voted to suspend and then terminate Fernandez.

Regents Charles Cepeda, Maria Malua Peter, and Elaine Orilla were spared from the lawsuit.

Orsini said he is expecting the board to call for a meeting before the end of the month.

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Fund net assets at $355M; unfunded liability jumps to $498.1M

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The NMI Retirement Fund's total net assets as of March 31 this year was at $355.6 million, while its unfunded liability was pegged at $498.1 million in the same period.

Data from the Fund indicated that accrued benefits were at $853.7 million as of March 31, 2010. With net assets of just $355.6 million available for benefits as of two months ago, this means that the Fund does not have enough funds to pay for the accrued benefits, leaving an unfunded liability of $498.1 million.

The actuarial accrued liability—or amount of pension benefits to be paid to members—was from Oct. 1, 2007 to March 31 this year.

"As of this date [March 31, 2010], plan net assets available for benefits were $355.6 million. It means should the plan terminate on this date, the Fund's plan net assets is not enough to pay its accrued benefits. Present value of accrued benefits in excess of the plan net assets available is $498 million," according to a Fund report submitted to the board of trustees.

Saipan Tribune learned that the $498.1 million unfunded liability reflects an unfunded ratio of 58 percent. In 2007, the Fund's unfunded liability was over $300 million.

To address these unfunded accrued liabilities, the Fund and board of trustees recently unveiled a five-point plan that includes the floatation of a $200 million bond to pay for the government's unpaid contributions.

From over $231 million in unpaid employer contributions, as determined by the CNM I Superior Court in June last year, the government's obligation has jumped to over $300 million by March this year. Negotiating panels from both the Fund and the Fitial administration are working on a payment plan to satisfy the court judgment.

The court recently ruled that if both parties fail to come up with a solution to pay for the overdue obligation, the central government will be required to pay its employer contribution at a rate of 30 percent starting November this year. At the moment, it is paying at a rate of 20 percent.

Of the Fund's total net assets, $335.8 million are in the form of stock investments: money market fund, $5.031 million; government bonds, $58.1 million; corporate bonds, $28.8 million; common stocks, $223.1 million; and hedge fund assets, $19.4 million.

Local investments include the Member Home Loan Program, investment in the Group Health Life Insurance, the judicial building loan, and the Commonwealth Government Employee Credit Union.

Number of bankruptcy filings increase

There are already 11 bankruptcy petitions filed in federal court so far this year, surpassing eight such petitions filed last year.

According to documents filed in the U.S. District Court for the NMI, two corporations and nine individuals have filed Chapter 7 bankruptcy petitions so far this year.

The last petition filed was on May 19, 2010.

In 2009, seven individuals, including former congressman Martin Borja Ada, and one corporation filed Chapter 7 bankruptcy petitions.

Under a Chapter 7 petition, most assets of the debtor are liquidated as quickly as possible to pay off his or her creditors to the extent possible and to free the debtor to start anew.

Under a Chapter 13 petition, also known as a reorganization bankruptcy, the petitioner wants to pay off his or her debts over a period of three to five years.

Bankruptcy cases in the CNMI began to soar in 1998 due to the Asian economic crisis. From 18 in 1998, the cases went up to 23 in 2000. It was, however, in 2005 when the all-time record of 31 cases was recorded in the CNMI.

One of the main reasons for this was the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005, which was due to take effect. The Act increased the filing fee and made bankruptcy petitions stricter, among other things. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Woman gets 3-year probation for assisting 'ice' distribution

The federal court has imposed a three-year probation sentence on a woman who assisted in the distribution of methamphetamine or "ice" on Saipan and required her to speak out against drugs in schools or churches.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge William H. Alsup ordered Sharee Demapan Diaz to perform 100 hours of community service that will include participation in anti-drug campaigns.

Alsup required Diaz to pay a $100 court assessment fee and participate in a substance abuse treatment program approved by the U.S. Probation Office.

Diaz was also required to undergo regular drug testing and barred from possessing controlled substances and firearms.

Diaz pleaded guilty to one count of aiding and abetting possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute.

The charging information stated that on March 17, 2009, Diaz aided and abetted another in the possession of 0.41 grams of "ice" with intent to distribute it.

According to the plea agreement, Diaz helped peddle meth to a cooperating source who was working with the Drug Enforcement Administration.

DEA agents arrested Diaz and her fiancé, Jawn Joyner, in October 2009 after the U.S. government filed a complaint charging the two with conspiracy to distribute meth.

Assistant U.S. Attorney James Benedetto recommended the probation sentence. Diaz,s lawyer, Michael Dotts, had recommended probation and conditions. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Deadline for submission of raffle tickets will be on Saturday, June 26, 2010 at 2:00pm.
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WITH SDA'S CLINIC WITH A HEART DAY

100 individuals on Saipan get free dental care

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The Seventh Day Adventist Clinic had its third Clinic with a Heart Day this past Sunday, with four dentists and two hygienists conducting blood pressure checks and alleviating the toothaches of a hundred patients from 7am to 3pm—all for free.

There were "a lot of extractions, a lot fillings. Some people had toothaches because they needed a deep cleaning because they had gum disease…x-rays, we did exams," according to Lori Serna, a hygienist at SDA. "We screened 100 patients. We treated about 60-70 [patients]. The rest were given vouchers."

Serna said it was a day to give back to the community. "There is unfortunately a great amount of people who don't have insurance and don't have the financial…resources to take care of their teeth.

"You know, teeth kinda go unnoticed until you have a toothache. It really impacts your quality of life. It's very hard for you to sleep, it's very hard for you to eat, it makes it very hard for you to concentrate on whatever job you have to do. …People think that teeth aren't really that important—they're incredibly important and its sad to see how people function everyday."

Kenneth Pierson, Crystal Edmister, Michael Stafford, Maria Agulto, Lori Serna, and front desk workers worked non-stop until they were finished with their hundredth patient. The team spent about a half-hour on each treated patient, in addition to educating them on dental hygiene.

Clinic With a Heart Day occurs every year around late May or early June. Only people who do not have insurance and Medicaid can receive care.

The day was inspired by "Clinic with a Heart Day" at the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry. SDA dentists and hygienists who came from Loma Linda brought Clinic with a Heart Day to Saipan to target people unable to afford dental care.

The amount of treatment provided on Clinic with a Heart Day this year amounted to about $25,000, not including the distributed vouchers. Individuals who received vouchers would be able to return to the clinic on another date and receive services free of charge. The potential treatment provided through the vouchers is estimated at about $5,000.

SDA also participates in another open clinic event called "Give Kids a Smile," an event practiced in the U.S. mainland on the first Friday of February. Give Kids a Smile Day is similar to Clinic with a Heart Day where free care is provided but only children are helped. SDA has participated in Give Kids a Smile Day for two years.

"SDA has been on the island for 30 years and this how we reach out. The need is so big and we're just trying to help out," said Serna.

Emon Lodge to hold flag raising for RP Independence Day

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The Free and Accepted Masons of Emon Lodge No. 179 will spearhead a flag raising ceremony on Saturday at Coral Ocean Point to commemorate the 112th anniversary of Philippine Independence Day.

Buenaventura

Worshipful Master of the Lodge Eli Buenaventura told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the raising of the Philippine flag is scheduled at 9am which will be simultaneous with the celebrations to be held in key historical places in the Philippines.

Buenaventura said that Emon Lodge is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines and is "required to participate or do projects on Independence Day."

Since the Independence Day celebration coordinated by the Philippine Consul General's office and various Filipino organizations will be held on June 13, they decided to organize an activity for June 12.

Buenaventura added that the Independence Day celebration is especially significant for their group.

The heroes of Philippine Revolution—Jose Rizal, Marcelo del Pilar, Juan Luna, Andres Bonifacio, Emilio Aguinaldo, among others—who made independence possible were all masons, Buenaventura explained.

After the flag raising ceremony, a tree planting activity in coordination with the Department of Agriculture will follow at Chalan Piao beach.

Emon Lodge is part of the Free and Accepted Masons, a fraternity of men under the fatherhood of God. They aim to make their members to be better persons in the community through character building.

With about 40 members here on Saipan, Emon Lodge conducts regular activities that aim to provide assistance to disadvantaged members of the community. Their office is located at the Joeten Building in Chalan Piao.

FUJI MARU

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Marianas, the contingency from the cruise ship *Fuji Maru* prepared an ebullient "friendship party" and the late summer heat did not prevent the crowd from enjoying the games, tasting Japanese dishes, and enjoying traditional Japanese dances.

Several entertaining activities were lined up for the gathering, including the Awaodori traditional dance, which encouraged the audience to join in the spirit of friendship. Some local students accepted the offer and danced with the visitors, earning a *sugoi* ("amazing" in Japanese) from some bystanders.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, the mayors from Saipan and Tinian, and other dignitaries were also present to greet the contingent.

Yasuhiro Matsushima, president of the 37th JC Youth Voyage Tokaigo, aptly introduced the night's festivities. "Tonight, I understand that you have various plans to exchange friendship with the people from the Mariana islands. Direct communication through such program is the best way to learn from one another and it leads to the mutual understanding among different people. With that, I have a confidence that tonight's events makes a strong friendships between Japan and the Marianas by having fun together."

Visitors from the *Fuji Maru* also contributed by parading a portable Shinto shrine called *mikoshi* on their shoulders. Four groups repetitively lifted the *mikoshi* embodying the "Japanese spirit," according to two businessmen who flew in yesterday.

The *Fuji Maru* departed Nagoya this weekend and arrived on Saipan yesterday morning. It is scheduled to leave on Thursday afternoon. This is the third time that *Fuji Maru* has visited Saipan; the previous times were in 2006 and 2007.

BATS

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occurred on Dec. 24, 2009, and Jan. 7, 2010.

Julia Boland, a wildlife biologist at the CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife, said it is unknown how many bats were killed during these two incidents.

However, DFW does know that there were approximately 225 adults and 22 pups at the roost that was hit in December and 110 adults and an unknown number of pups at the roost that was hit in January.

"Both roosts were completely abandoned after the incidents," Boland said in an e-mail response to *Saipan Tribune* questions.

Boland, who has been on Rota since April 2008 as wildlife biologist for DFW, said typically on Rota, poaching incidents targeting bats that are commuting between roosts and foraging areas occur multiple times a week.

"I personally witnessed an incident last week," she said.

Federal investigation

Boland said there is currently an ongoing federal investigation regarding a poaching incident that targeted a fruit bat maternity colony in November 2008.

"As far as I know, no one has been arrested. As far as I know, no one has ever been arrested and charged for committing crimes against fruit bats in the CNMI since they were placed on the endangered species list in 2005," she said.

The U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands and the CNMI Department of Land and Natural Resources announced in October 2009 that poaching on Rota is threatening the Mariana fruit bat with extinction.

The Mariana fruit bat has been part of the Chamorro culture for centuries. When the bats were hunted by traditional means, their population was stable.

With the advent of firearms, however, their numbers have declined drastically.

The Guam and CNMI fanihi are listed as a threatened species under the Federal Endangered Species Act. It is a violation of federal, Guam and CNMI law to kill them.

How many of them now?

The number of fruit bat colonies on Rota fluctuates in response to human disturbance, as well as environmental and biological factors.

There are about 2,000 bats on Rota right now, Boland said.

"This is about a 40-percent decline since July 2002," she added.

The wildlife biologist said there are likely less than 50 fruit bats remaining on Guam, less than 50 on Saipan, none on Tinian—except for occasional visitors from Aguiguan—and less than 100 on Aguiguan.

Population estimates for the Northern Islands are extremely outdated.

Surveys of fruit bats in the Northern Islands have been set to take place this summer. However, a volcanic activity south of Sarigan delayed the survey.

MISSING

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Department of Public Safety spokesman Eric F. David told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that Criminal Investigation Bureau detectives recovered Li's car in the parking lot of a building previously occupied by Shirley's Restaurant across McDonald's along Middle Road.

David said detectives found Li's car—a silver 2004 Toyota Corolla with license plate ADJ-932—at 11am. He said the car was unlocked, but the key was not there.

"They [detectives] secured the car and towed it to DPS,"

David said he can't provide any information if investigators saw any signs of foul play—blood in the car or signs of struggle in the vehicle—until crime scene technicians complete processing the car.

David appealed to anyone who has information about Li's whereabouts to contact CIB or call the NMI Crime Stoppers Program.

"We have investigators who will head out and meet with the person [giving information] or if not, call the Crime Stoppers," he said.

A source at DPS said the Federal Bureau of Investigation may likely step into the investigation.

Police said the 24-year-old Li, of Garapan, was last seen driving his car Monday night toward the vicinity of Gold's Gym in China Town.

Police said DPS dispatch received a call on Tuesday at 5:29am about a missing person at the King Disco in Garapan.

An officer responded to the call and learned that Li had received a call on his cell phone on Monday at 7:30pm. The caller was a customer who requested for taxi service. The customer asked to be dropped off at Gold's Gym.

Li proceeded to Gold's Gym, but he was never seen again, police said.

CUC

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now directly under the governor's office.

"CUC needs not only $1.2 million. The $1.2 million is what we need immediately. After next week, we need more," Fitial said in an interview shortly before he was to deliver his welcoming remarks for over 850 young Japanese businessmen at the American Memorial Park in Garapan late yesterday afternoon.

Fitial reprogrammed for CUC a little over $300,000 on Tuesday, the same day he declared a state of emergency for the CNMI due to the lack of sufficient fuel to power the islands' generators and the imminent threat this poses to the continued supply of water and electrical services.

The declaration suspends procurement and regulatory provisions to allow the governor to reprogram funds as necessary to meet emergency needs.

Fitial said yesterday that the $300,000 came from the security deposits paid by CUC customers.

CUC was able to buy 126,000 gallons of fuel as a result of the $300,000 emergency funding.

Fitial also said a portion of the $1.2 million that will also be given to CUC will come from the Department of Public Lands.

Public Lands Secretary Oscar M. Babauta, when asked for comment, said DPL has yet to transmit money to the general fund as reimbursement for administrative costs spent on the department.

Babauta said DPL remits some $750,000 each quarter to the general fund for administrative and other costs such as personnel expenses and utility billings.

"We will remit what's due to the general fund. I hope other agencies will follow suit," he said.

The governor said the administration does not want a repeat of the rolling blackouts, so he invoked his constitutional authority to declare a state of emergency so he can reprogram funds for CUC.

To his critics, Fitial challenged them to come up with a solution better than an emergency declaration to be able to buy fuel for CUC.

"If there are other sources of money maybe we don't have to resort to emergency… If the Legislature grants [reprogramming] authority and the Legislature would allow for austerity we have been asking for, we could have prevented emergency," Fitial added.

The Senate rejected the House proposal to cut work hours by 10 hours every pay period to reduce government spending. A conference committee on the controversial austerity bill has been formed.

The governor said the other part of the problem "is the fact that we're not collecting our receivables."

The central government, the Public School System and Northern Marianas College owe CUC $3.8 million in past due utility bills. The government is CUC's biggest customer.

CONCERT

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the lead trumpet."

Alvarado, who played the baritone during the concert, said he might have to move to Guam after graduation at Saipan Southern High School.

The band invites those who can play instruments to their first practice session for the 17th season on Aug. 30. The band rehearses once a week, 6pm-8pm at the Saipan Southern band room. For more information, contact DeWitt at 237-3722 or 235-1087 or by e-mail at willdewitt@aol.com.

Assessment of possible contaminated sites in NMI sought

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Rep. Sylvester Iguel (Cov-Saipan) has pre-filed a resolution seeking to establish an environmental task force that will initiate and conduct environmental assessments of possible contaminated sites in the CNMI.

Iguel said previous assessments focused mainly on polychlorinated biphenyl contamination of soil in Tanapag.

Before becoming a lawmaker, Iguel was one of the core members of the Tanapag Action Group, which helped push the federal government to clean up Tanapag of more than 40,000 tons of PCB-contaminated soil and ship them off island for proper disposal.

The Tanapag PCB cleanup cost the federal government over $20 million. PCB is believed to be cancer-causing, and is linked to physical, mental, and behavioral problems.

In his House Resolution 17-13, Iguel said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers did not test the soil for other chemicals such as dioxin, vinyl chloride, benzene, ethylbenzene, dichloroethylene, mercury, nitrites, lead and other heavy metals and chemicals of concern.

"Additional environmental sampling and consultation is necessary to determine the extent of the contamination due to harmful substances, the exposure to the public, the associated risks of adverse health effects, and to protect the rights due to the citizens," Iguel said.

Iguel

Iguel said the task force should be headed by the Department of Public Lands and comprised of representatives from the Division of Environmental Quality, the Department of Public Health, and the Tanapag Action Group.

"The failure of the federal government to address the environmental concerns of the public and homestead lots does not relinquish the responsibility of the Commonwealth in the protection of its citizens' rights once aware of such failure by the federal government," Iguel said, as he pushes for the formation of an environmental assessment task force.

But he said nothing in his resolution shall be construed as a waiver of the CNMI's right to seek and obtain reimbursement from the federal government for any and all funds so expended by the Commonwealth, and all legal proceedings or actions.

The lawmaker said in accordance with House Joint Resolution 11-57, the Office of the Attorney General previously spent $250,000 for environmental and consultation services through which information was obtained and reported to the Legislature. That report, he said, noted several areas of concern impacting the environment and public health.

These include the potential presence of other chemicals of concern, transport of contaminated sediment within the village, contamination of water sources, and potential risk to the local ecology.

"The presence of such harmful chemicals of concern would constitute a possible imminent and immediate danger to the environment and the health and welfare of the people of Tanapag and the entire CNMI," he said.

The freshman lawmaker said there are other fuel farms and formerly used defense sites within the CNMI where possible contamination has occurred due to the U.S. Department of Defense's storage fuels in these areas. Because of the potential hazards, it is necessary that other areas of concern be tested for the potential presence of PCBs and other chemicals of concern, he said.

Iguel will formally introduce his HR 17-13 at a House session on Friday.

Suspect in Marpi burglary gets probation

One of three men charged with breaking into a hazardous explosive removal project in Marpi and stealing used shell casings has pleaded guilty and was sentenced to a year of supervised probation.

Matthew Igisaiar, 35, pleaded guilty to the offense of criminal trespass during Tuesday's hearing.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman sentenced Igisaiar to 90 days, all suspended except for one day, with credit for the one day that he had already served in jail. This means Igisaiar will not serve further jail time.

He was required, however, to perform 50 hours of community service and pay restitution to the victims. Igisaiar was also ordered to pay a $100 fine, $25 court assessment fee, plus probation fee. He is prohibited from possessing any illegal firearms during his probationary period.

If Igisaiar complies with all conditions during his probation, his conviction will be vacated a year after the change of plea hearing.

The Office of the Attorney General charged Igisaiar, James Sanchez, and Ray Anthony Ayuyu with theft, conspiracy to commit theft, and criminal trespass.

Igisaiar agreed to plead guilty to criminal trespass as part of a plea agreement. The rest of the charges were dismissed.

The factual basis of the agreement stated that on July 12, 2009, Igisaiar illegally entered All-Hazard Management Professionals Inc.'s project site in Marpi and refused to leave upon being advised to get out from the premises.

According to the charging document, the three entered the project site and stole used shell casings on July 12, 2009.

Police said the three, when arrested that day, confessed that they sold the stolen scrap metals to a recycling plant in Lower Base. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Number of nurses at CHC enough—director

» 66 percent of CHC nurses are registered

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The Commonwealth Health Center has a total of 181 nurses and, according to nursing director April Ricotta, this is enough to attend to all patient's needs at the islands' lone hospital.

Of the total nursing workforce, Ricotta said that 120 are registered nurses, which translates to 66 percent of the nursing population. The hospital also has 22 licensed practical nurses and 16 nursing assistants.

Ricotta said there are three nursing supervisors guiding and assisting all nursing personnel; six serve as hospital midwives; and four are assigned as unit managers.

The hospital also has 10 hemodialysis technicians, Ricotta said.

She admitted, though, that the numbers continue to change, mainly because of the Department of Public Health continuous recruitment of new nurses and the departure of others.

"These numbers change regularly due to employees retiring, resigning, changing positions and new hires," Ricotta said.

She disclosed that several new employees will soon join the hospital's nursing workforce and their paperwork is being routed now.

When asked about the current nurse to patient ratio, Ricotta said the current number of nurses sustains the needs of the hospital.

"Our nurse-to-patient ratio depends upon the unit. We comply with national safety standards regarding our ratio," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Ricotta said CHC nurses are all very well educated and have kept up with current advances in the profession. They are also skilled and knowledgeable nurses who manage the daily needs of the hospital and patients professionally and appropriately.

"Our current staffing at the hospital is adequate to safely care for all patients. We maintain national standards to ensure this," she said.

Saipan Tribune learned that about 85 percent of nursing employees at the hospital are nonresidents.

DPH pays nurses $33,000 to $40,000 on average and the maximum salary could go up to over $50,000, on top of overtime pay and fringe benefits.

As of last week, the hospital had a total of 24 physicians, including short-term doctors. The hospital needs an estimated 43 physicians to become fully staffed.

The Department of Public Health is still in state of emergency due to the manpower shortage.

NMC execs in accreditation commission meeting

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King

Guerrero

Cabrera

Three officers of the Northern Marianas College flew to San Francisco this week to participate in the semi-annual meeting of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges in San Francisco.

Board of Regents chair Janet H. King, NMC interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera, and accreditation liaison officer Galvin Deleon Guerrero will represent the college at the June 10 assembly.

An NMC statement issued yesterday said the three officials will discuss the April 2010 visiting team report.

A two-member team from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges was on island in April to check if the college was still in compliance with the commission's standards, particularly the eligibility requirements, following the suspension of then NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez, who was eventually fired for changing students' grades.

NMC said yesterday that until this team report is made public by the commission, the college cannot comment publicly on any discussions they have had with the visiting team.

The visiting team's findings and recommendations are expected to be known after this month's assembly.

Earlier this year, ACCJC accepted NMC's Oct. 15, 2009 Mid-Term Report and scheduled a special visit to the college due to a series of events at NMC that could affect its accreditation status. Commission members were particularly alarmed by reports that the October midterm report had "false and inaccurate" information, as alleged by some faculty members.

In a January 2010 meeting, the Board of Regents elected new officials and Janet King was chosen board chair. In that same meeting, members voted to suspend Fernandez pending two investigations against her. On April 12, the same board terminated Fernandez's four-year contract named Cabrera interim president.

In a statement yesterday, accreditation liaison officer Deleon Guerrero assured the community of NMC's accreditation.

"The community should be reassured that the college remains steadfast in meeting accreditation standards and maintaining NMC's full accreditation status," he said, adding that the college has been continuing its efforts to institutionalize a systematic program review process. Among these is the completion of its third cycle of program review that will help NMC in making decisions about budgeting and resource allocation.

NMC reaffirmed its accreditation in June 2009 after months of being on show-cause status, a severe sanction.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CPA-RFP-004-10

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting SEALED PROPOSALS for **PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) BRAND NEW DESKTOP COMPUTER, ONE (1) 55" HDTV MONITOR AND ONE (1) PORTABLE COMPUTER CART** to the following airports:

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- Babelthuap Koror International Airport, Republic of Palau

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: ***"Proposal for the Procurement and Delivery of One (1) Desktop Computer, One (1) 55" HDTV Monitor and One (1) Portable Computer Cart".*** The proposal must be submitted on or before **4:30 p.m., Monday, JUNE 14, 2010,** to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

The procurement consists of the procurement and delivery of the above-subject equipment to each respective island's Airport Authority, all in accordance with the specifications. The specifications for the computers, the monitors and the carts can be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd floor of the arrival building at the Saipan International Airport. The specifications for the computer are mandated by the Federal Aviation Admisnitration so there will be absolutely no substitution of components for desktop computer system.

All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes and shipping and handling costs that will be charged to the company awarded the procurement, including excise tax. CPA will not consider unjustifiable cost escalations due to unforeseen circumstances once contract is executed.

The contract period for delivery of all equipment to each respective island shall be **THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS** from issuance of purchase order.

Inquiries regarding this Request for Proposals may be delivered to the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority at the Saipan International Airport, faxed to (670) 234-5962 or emailed to cpa.admin@pticom.com no later than June 7, 2010.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 3.6. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

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NMI's AmeriCorps gets $400K grant for 2010

WASHINGTON, D.C.—AmeriCorps, the national service agency, has announced its 2010 grants awards, including over $400,000 for the Northern Mariana Islands. The funds are used to support high school students in the NMI, who provide after-school educational help to elementary and junior high school students.

"Students working in AmeriCorps put their energy and time into enriching our community," said U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP).

"Just a few days ago AmeriCorps in the Northern Marianas celebrated the achievements of the current school year. Director Christine Masga, the site supervisors, and the students are doing a great job," he added. "I look forward to seeing all the wonderful work that will be done in the year to come using this latest grant."

The 2010 grant is the first made under the new Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act. Funding for the Northern Marianas increased by about $100,000 over the 2009 amount. Sablan was one of the original co-sponsors of the measure.

Serve America was signed into law by President Obama into law in April. It expanded the AmeriCorps program to further promote education, expansion of health services, assistance for veterans and military families, and economic opportunity.

This April the U.S. House of Resolution commemorated the one-year anniversary of the Act with House Resolution 1276. Sablan was selected to be floor manager for the debate on the resolution.

Members of the Corps serve a wide range of national and local non-profit organizations, community and faith-based groups, and educational institutions and can earn money to help pay for college or repay students loans while receiving critical on-the-job work experience. Nationally, the program has received a surge of applications in recent months, and last year mobilized and managed more than 85,000 members who worked to improve life in their communities. The organization's goal is to have 250,000 members in the field by the year 2017. ***(PR)***

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From left, contestant Olivia Richards, 2010 Miss Jr. Teen San Diego Stephannie Weakley, and first runner up Jamie Kazebee pose just before the gown competition of the Miss Jr. Teen San Diego Pageant on May 23, 2010. Weakly, a former Saipan resident and daughter of Becky Timpa nee Castro of Triple J Saipan, won in her age division to represent San Diego at the Cities of America National Pageant in Orlando, Florida.

COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICE

NOTICE OF MEETING

OF THE

CRM AGENCY OFFICIALS

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos through the Coastal Resources Management Office (CRMO) hereby give notice that a CRM Agency Officials meeting will be held on Monday, June 14, 2010, at 9:00 A.M. at the CRM conference room, Spring Plaza, Chalan Laulau, Saipan.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
- a) Call to Order
- b) Roll Call

II. PERMIT APPLICATION

1. GPPC Inc. Quarry - CRM Reference No. TMS-2010-X-031
   - a. Permit application/summary by CRMO
   - b. Discussion of permit application by CRM Agencies/CRMO
   - c. Permit status determination (CRM Agencies/CRM)

III. OTHER MATTERS
1. Triple J - 60 Three-Bedrooms Apartment Building, Chalan Kanoa

IV. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. [Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Agency Officials may vote to meet in executive session.]

Rita C. Chong - Dela Cruz
Director

'First Friday Films' debuts at AMP in July

Every first Friday of the month, starting in July, a free environmental film will be shown to the community at American Memorial Park Theater.

"First Friday Films" was inspired by the exceptional turnout and response to the films played during Environmental Awareness Month in April. Hundreds of people came out to see the *Lorax, HOME* and *The End of the Line*. The overwhelmingly positive reaction to the films illustrated the power of cinema to educate and inspire a wide variety of people.

Each month a film will represent a monthlong theme of activities aimed at inspiring the community to become actively involved and make environmentally friendly choices.

Sponsored by the Mariana Islands Nature Alliance, the first film to be featured on Friday, July 2, at 7pm is *Black Wave*, a documentary about the 20-year legacy of the Exxon Valdez oil spill. In the early hours of March 24, 1989, the Exxon Valdez oil supertanker ran aground in Alaska and spilled millions of gallons of crude oil into sensitive Artic waters. The incident became the biggest environmental catastrophe in North American history.

Given the recent oil spill disaster in the Gulf of Mexico and the allowance of further drilling by the Obama administration, *Black Wave* is a timely and relevant feature that will educate the community about the risks associated with offshore oil exploration. Following the film, local oil spill responders will discuss the Gulf of Mexico spill and the response plans in place for the CNMI.

"First Fridays" is coordinated through a partnership between the Division of Environmental Quality and American Memorial Park, with the generous support of organizations such as MINA. ***(PR)***

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 10, 1999

Tinian mayor: No to casino

Tinian Mayor Francisco M. Borja has vowed to fight plans to establish a casino on Rota, but said he would vow to wishes of the residents of the island municipality if they approved the project. "Any form of gambling that is in competition with Tinian, we're always not in favor of that, but if the people of Rota decided to have it, we cannot stop them," Borja said in an interview." "I just hope that they wait for Tinian to be successful then take off from there." Last week Rota Mayor Benjamin T. Manglona unveiled plans to establish the ambitious casino project in the island municipality, a proposal he planned to submit to residents in a balloting during the November midterm elections.

CIP Committee eyes 2 new high schools

Aside from considering budgetary savings and the opportunity to offer facilities for specialized education, the usual preference of young students to attend a new school would again pose over crowding problems. In a proposal to consider building two new high schools on Saipan, Public School System CIP Committee said the construction of one new high school will result in overcrowding, while leaving the Marianas High School under utilized. Based on the original PSS CIP plan, Saipan will build one new high school and a junior high school. In defending the proposal for two new high schools and convert MHS to a junior high school, the recommendation said all students would go to the older middle schools and will look forward to attending to the two new high schools.

June 10, 2002

Hands on the wheel, not on the phone

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce supports the passage of legislation that seeks to prohibit the use of hand-held cellular phones while driving to prevent road accidents. But Chamber President Richard Pierce said the business organization would be submitting recommendations to strengthen House Bill 13-100, including modifications and installation of additional features. "The Chamber supports HB 13-100. But the bill requires modifications like the installation of additional feature that would bar a driver from using his hands while driving," said Pierce.

Palacios' reappointment to CPA board backed

The Commonwealth Ports Authority Board of Directors endorsed the reappointment of Roman S. Palacios to the agency's policy-making body. Board members said this would ensure the expeditious and smooth progression of various ports projects in the Northern Marianas. Citing the exemplary achievements made by the ports authority under the leadership of Palacios, the CPA Board told Gov. Juan N. Babauta that the reappointment of Palacios to the policy-making body would ensure the continuity of progress in the development of airports and seaports in the CNMI.

June 10, 2003

DPH opens new dialysis center

The Department of Public Health has opened a new treatment and training center that specifically focuses on peritoneal dialysis. Elizabeth Untalan, a retired nurse and now PD program coordinator, said the center, a small room located near the hemodialysis center at the Commonwealth Health Center, can accommodate two patients at a time. The center, which opened last month, also serves as a training center for patients, caregivers, and staff on peritoneal dialysis, a different type of dialysis which makes use of the patient's own abdomen lining as a filter to clean blood.

DLNR: Strip CRMO of some functions

Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Tom Pangelinan has asked Gov. Juan N. Babauta to strip the Coastal Resources Management Office of certain functions and the capability to represent the CNMI in obtaining federal coral reef initiative funding. Pangelinan requested this from the governor as he cited the need to eliminate duplication of governmental functions that lead to waste of resources. At the same time, Pangelinan also said his department is ready to legally challenge the Division of Environmental Quality, if it would cite the DLNR regarding the department's use of rotenone to collect fish specimens. According to the DEQ, the department could not use rotenone concentration to collect fish specimen without complying first with DEQ's requirements, despite a conditional license issued by the CRMO to the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

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INVITATION FOR BID
PSS IFB 10-058

"A/C REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADE FOR SINAPALO ELEMENTARY, ROTA JR., AND ROTA HIGH SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the **A/C Replacement and Upgrade at Sinapalo Elementary, Rota Jr. High School and Rota High School on Rota**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on May 27, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of $49.15.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on June 15, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. at Rota High School Library on Rota. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than June 18, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-058, and submitted with one (1) original and five (5) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 2:00 p.m., local time, June 25, 2010. If no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be publicly opened at 2:00 p.m. local time June 30, 2010 in the 2nd floor Conference Room, NMI Retirement Fund Building.

Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than 2:00 p.m. local time on June 25, 2010 and may be transmitted via fax to (670) 664-3791 or email to robert.florian@cnmipss.org. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and five copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than June 25, 2010 and must be received no later than July 6, 2010 in which case all bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m., July 13, 2010.

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/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
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INVITATION FOR BID
PSS IFB 10-065

"GENERAL REPAIR WORK FOR SAN VICENTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for **General Repair Work at San Vicente Elementary School** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on June 10, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of $62.80.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on July 1, 2010, at 3:30 p.m. at San Vicente School Cafeteria in San Vicente, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than July 7, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-065, and submitted with one (1) original and three (3) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 9:00 a.m., local time, July 21, 2010. If no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be publicly opened at 9:00 a.m. local time July 23, 2010 in the 2nd floor Conference Room, NMI Retirement Fund Building.

Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than 9:00 a.m. local time on July 21, 2010 and may be transmitted via fax to (670) 664-3791 or email to robert.florian@cnmipss.org. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 21, 2010 and must be received no later than July 30, 2010 in which case all bids will be opened at 9:00 a.m., August 3, 2010.

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INVITATION FOR BID
PSS IFB 10-066

"GENERAL REPAIR WORK FOR WSR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for **General Repair Work at WSR Elementary School** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on June 10, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of $60.10.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on July 1, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. at WSR Cafeteria in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than July 7, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

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INVITATION FOR BID
PSS IFB 10-067

"GENERAL REPAIR WORK FOR KOBLERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for **General Repair Work at Koblerville Elementary School** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on June 10, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of $63.55.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on July 1, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. at Koblerville Elementary Cafeteria in Koblerville, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than July 7, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-067, and submitted with one (1) original and three (3) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, July 21, 2010. If no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be publicly opened at 10:00 a.m. local time July 23, 2010 in the 2nd floor Conference Room, NMI Retirement Fund Building.

Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than 10:00 a.m. local time on July 21, 2010 and may be transmitted via fax to (670) 664-3791 or email to robert.florian@cnmipss.org. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 21, 2010 and must be received no later than July 30, 2010 in which case all bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m., August 3, 2010.

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Commissioner of Education

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EDITORIAL

Caveat emptor on Chinese imports

As trials on defective drywall imported from China begin, evidence is mounting that some builders, suppliers and contractors became suspicious of the product but didn't pass along concerns to consumers during the building boom.

The result? Stinky homes, corroded appliances and reports of occupants' health problems—and now, lawsuits. The moral? Caveat emptor—let the buyer beware—and better federal government oversight of imports.

The Chinese drywall problem for U.S. homeowners has been a stealth crisis that's only now getting wider attention through court cases.

Some 3,300 Chinese drywall complaints have been filed with the Consumer Product Safety Commission. In Florida, 750 homeowners have filed complaints with the state Health Department. The CPSC is conducting the biggest inquiry in its history into Chinese drywall problems. South Florida's U.S. Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart, R-Miami, has become the go-to man on the drywall problems.

Last year, Diaz-Balart and then-West Palm Beach Democratic Congressman Robert Wexler obtained $2 million in emergency funding for the CPSC's investigation. The results are at mariodiazbalart.house.gov.

Government testing has found that some Chinese drywall emits hydrogen sulfide, the cause of corroded air conditioners and bad smell. So far, scientists haven't found a link between health problems—often breathing difficulties—and the drywall, but research is continuing.

The federal government recommends not trying to salvage defective Chinese drywall. Homeowners' only recourse is to gut their houses and start over—without insurance picking up the tab. Frustrated homeowners inevitably are seeking relief in another venue: the courts.

Subpoenaed correspondence in state and federal lawsuits against suppliers and others shows a willingness in some cases to dupe consumers. Some drywall began to stink while it was in warehouses, raising caution flags for some suppliers. They sought answers from the Chinese manufacturer. In most cases that was Knauf Plasterboard Tianjin, which has not been overly forthcoming.

Still, many suppliers sold the drywall anyway. The country's first jury trial on defective drywall is scheduled to begin Monday in Miami against Banner Supply.

In a deposition, Banner executive Scott Giering said he was unaware of any problems with the imported drywall he sold. When asked about the smell, he said, incredibly, that some people "happen to like rotten-egg smells."

Pretty soon builders began complaining of the stink to Banner, which contracted with Knauf to replace 2.2 million square feet of Banner's drywall in 2007. Knauf, however, won't release results of its own drywall testing.

Tainted dog food. Putrefying bacteria on seafood. Toxic drywall. By now it should be clear to the CPSC and other import regulators that products from China need extra scrutiny, period.

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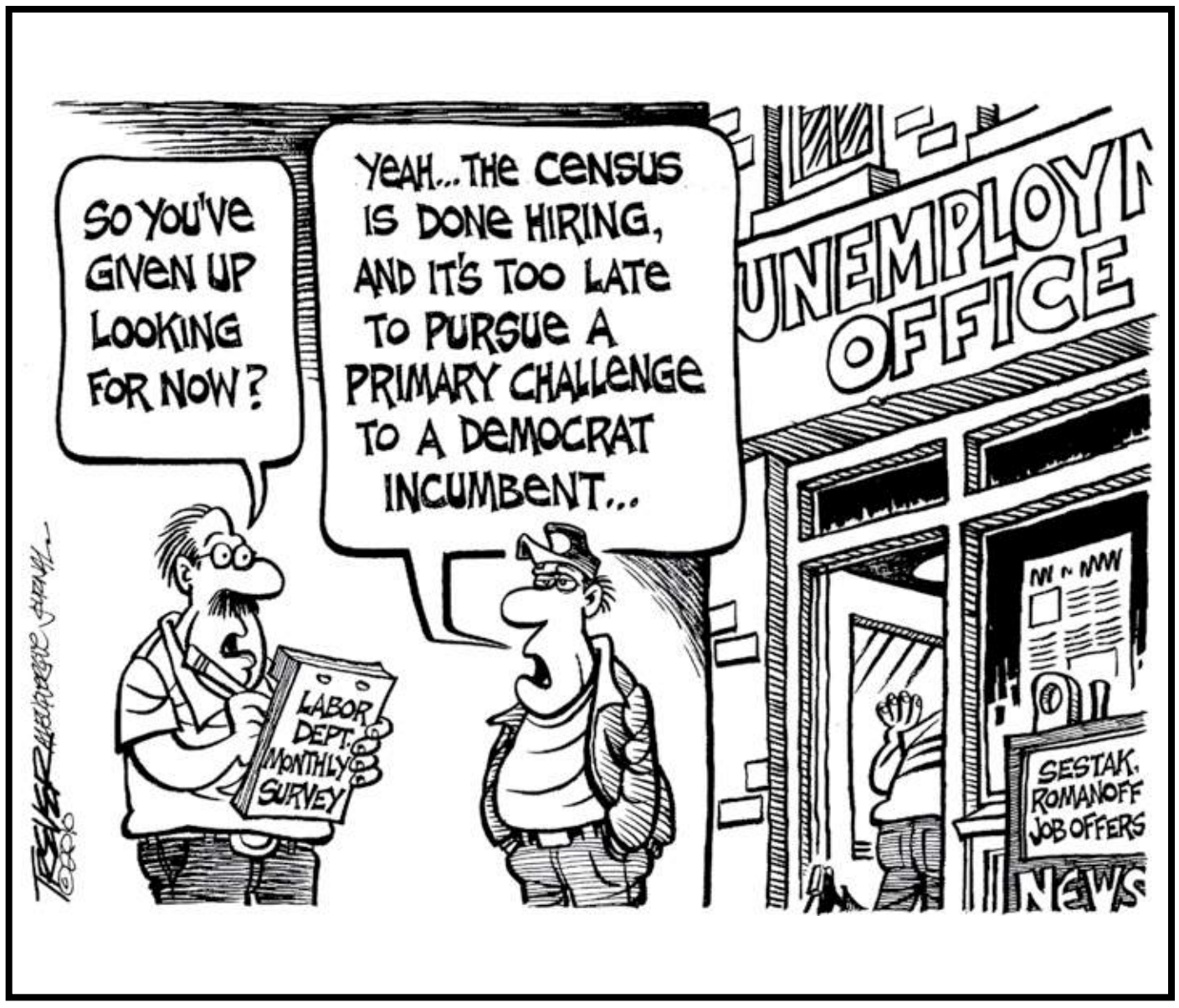
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Gaza flotilla hijacked by radicals

By FRIDA GHITIS
McClatchy Newspapers

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AMSTERDAM—Whatever one thinks about Israel's raid on the so-called Freedom Flotilla, one point should stand beyond dispute: The term "peace activist" does not apply to some of the key organizers and participants in the pro-Palestinian sea voyage to challenge Israel's Gaza blockade. The evidence mounts each day that militant opponents of peace played a key role in what transpired that terrible night on the Mediterranean.

Evidence from a number of European capitals confirms that, although legitimate peace activists were part of the group, the anti-blockade project was hijacked by radicals whose ultimate objectives do not include visions of peace or coexistence.

Here in the Netherlands, intelligence analysts have dusted off the well-worn file of Amin Abou Rashed, a Palestinian with Dutch citizenship, detained by Israelis during the raid at sea. Rashed's thickly bearded face graces an even thicker dossier. One of the flotilla's principal organizers, Rashed belongs to the radical Islamic Brotherhood and helped run the al-Aqsa Foundation until Dutch authorities froze its assets accusing it of supporting terrorist activities by Hamas, which now runs the Gaza strip.

It was clear that pristine peace-loving goals did not drive the leaders of this operation. Consider that before the group set out to sea, the parents of Gilad Shalit—the young Israeli soldier held in captivity for four years by Hamas—asked that the purported humanitarians help get a package to him and help persuade Hamas to allow the Red Cross to visit. In exchange for help for their son, Shalit's parents offered to lend their support to their call to end the Gaza blockade. These humanitarians wanted no part of the deal.

According to Jean-Louis Bruguiere, a former French anti-terrorism judge, the main organizer of the flotilla, the Turkish group IHH, "has clear, long-standing ties to terrorism." Bruguiere linked IHH to a 1999 al-Qaeda plot to bomb the Los Angeles airport. These people are not pacifists. They are not supporters of a two-state solution and of reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians. They embrace the view that Israel should not exist and they wanted to do their part to make that goal a reality. They were not humanitarians seeking to strike a blow for peace.

As I wrote before, Israeli authorities should not have been surprised by the violent reception they got upon boarding the Mavi Marmara ship. I firmly believe this dismal failure of intelligence and planning was a terrible error in Israel's part, and one for which it is paying a damaging price.

Proof of the militants' far-from-peaceful intentions was all over the Internet long before departure, with their calls for attacking "the Jews" broadcast on al-Jazeera. Already organizers have admitted to shooting at Israeli soldiers. Bulent Yildirim, one of the leaders, admitted they took the soldiers' firearms as the Israelis stormed the ship. After using them against the soldiers, he revealed, they threw the weapons in the sea. Israelis say that on the ship's deck they also found spent cartridges, fired bullets from weapons they do not carry.

These zealots were prepared for a fight, and for all the anti-Israel publicity that would bring. Many boasted of seeking "martyrdom." That was their plan and they apparently achieved their goal.

Today, as Hamas maintains its position of seeking Israel's destruction, these supporters of Hamas' objectives are receiving heroes' welcomes, and the world's most despicable regimes again stand in judgment of Israel.

Israel's actions deserve close scrutiny, there's no question about that. But it is nothing short of obscene that the malodorous U.N. Human Rights Council passed a resolution sponsored by the likes of Sudan, Iran and Libya condemning Israel. Sudan, Iran and Libya: one country has perpetrated genocide on its own people; another executes pro-democracy demonstrators and gay men in the streets; all three brutalize anyone who dares to oppose them. These regimes commit excesses just for the sake of maintaining power.

An honest critic of Israel must recognize, at the very least, that the country's actions are motivated by a need to defend itself. Hamas has fired thousands of rockets at Israeli civilians. It is trying by all means possible to acquire weapons from Iran, which is pushing forward with a nuclear program even as it waxes rhapsodic about the desirability of "a world without Israel."

So, whatever you think about how Israel handled the incoming flotilla, don't call the participants humanitarian activists. Some of them might have been well intentioned, but they were merely the passengers, a cover for the people who planned to fight pitched battles against Israeli soldiers. The militants were the ones with their hands on the rudder.

Don't call them peace activists.

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Storm ahead

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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With the dry season turning our tropical paradise into a parched island, an occasional rain shower is a welcome relief. However, many are sensing something in the air that is making them nervous—if not downright fearful. Like dark, ominous clouds that announce the coming presence of a storm about to be unleashed, some individuals are bracing themselves for a storm that will leave them more than soaked and unsettled.

Letters to the editor and articles in the media about economic uncertainty have been showing up more often. Like modern-day rainmakers who shoot silver iodine into the air to stimulate rainfall, the U.S. government rainmakers have shot billions into federal and financial programs and institutions to stimulate spending and create an economic windfall…but it's not working as planned, and here's the reason why.

Last month I listened to an interview with Harry S. Dent, an economic business and trend forecaster who has a good track record. Twenty years ago, when many "experts" were hawking their books and seminars on the coming great depression, Dent and his team were saying that the economy was going to be stronger than anyone thought. He based his forecast on the fact that Baby Boomers (people born between 1946 and 1964) were going to earn more and spend more during that time.

Dent predicted years ago that around 2008 the economy would start to slow (that's when our leading-edge Baby Boomers started to turn 62), but now he states that the recovery is not going to continue and not going to sustain because the government cannot stimulate individuals in their 50s and 60s who don't have children at home; instead, they're going to be savers. The average family spends the most at about age 46, and then spending slowly starts to diminish. The kids are grown, finishing college or on their own so the focus is to prepare for their Golden Years.

The U.S. doesn't just have $13.1 TRILLION in government debt; it also has $1.4 TRILLION federal budget deficit spending, $55.7 TRILLION in total business, government and private debt, and $109 TRILLION in unfunded liabilities for Social Security and healthcare—and it's all growing at an alarming rate [see http://www.usdebtclock.org]!

Dent believes we've seen the greatest real estate and credit bubble in history. When a credit bubble deleverages, the private credit contracts faster than the government credit to try and stimulate growth and there is a deflation in prices. Businesses that see and prepare for this economic "storm" will also see their unstable competitors get blown away. He predicts we will see a big change in the next three to six months, and the slowdown is part of a four-stage cycle that's going to determine the long-term business leaders in each industry or market segment.

Those businesses that are poised properly will not only survive, but will also inherit more market share. Here are several strategies for businesses offered by Harry S. Dent:

1. Step back and refocus your business by examining where you really dominate. What are your strengths and where do you want to grow in the future?

2. Then reposition your business to take advantage of your strengths and opportunities, while stepping away from or selling those components where you cannot dominate.

3. Do not make big capital expenditures by expanding stores or buying buildings. Instead, invest right now in things that will expand your market share and increase cash flow, such as effective marketing and sales techniques, tools, and resources. Also, examine your costs and reduce your overhead to improve cash flow.

4. Businesses that are able to increase market share and cash flow will be in an excellent position when all of this deflates and their competitors are in trouble. Now it will be easier to take more market share and even take over competitor's assets at much cheaper prices.

According to Dent, the financial storm is not a matter of "if" but "when." The clouds have gathered and most people feel something imminent is in the air. By the end of the year you will be able to look back and say that you followed a strategy to dominate your market and improve your cash flow, or you will be one of the many businesses looking to get out and sell your assets for cents on the dollar to those competitors who weathered the storm.

What this also means for the CNMI government is that it will be forced to make more budget cuts on top of the cuts it already has in place. More budget cuts will mean forced austerity measures on top of looming layoffs to survive. Those government organizations that have the ability to generate revenue (CUC, CHC, NMC, etc.) will need to become more fiscally viable by raising prices, reducing overhead, and/or finding effective methods to market their organization to increase cash flow. If not, the storm ahead will only make a bad situation worse.

Chavez-Ahmadinejad coziness spells misery for Venezuelans

By JOHN C. BERSIA
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

The growing coziness between the leaders of Venezuela and Iran should send a troubling signal to all Venezuelans—especially the diminishing but still strong segment that clings to President Hugo Chavez.

Do they not understand the disadvantages of a leader who ties himself to a regime in Tehran that is incurring global wrath and sanctions because of its shadowy nuclear work? According to news reports, Iran's research includes questionable plans to narrow the gap between its current uranium-enrichment capabilities and the purity required to make nuclear weapons.

Even absent the nuclear issue, do Venezuelans not have concerns about their leader's dalliance with a government that systematically deprives its people of basic rights? Last year, Iran's leaders orchestrated a fraudulent election and cracked down on the ensuing demonstrations.

What does that suggest about Chavez's own motives? Most people—minus the chavistas who still largely wear blindfolds—know the answer. If one strips away his theatrical performances, populist sloganeering and animated finger-pointing at countries such as the United States, what is left is a not-so-entertaining prospect that Latin America has seen too many times in the past: creeping authoritarianism.

In 2007, Venezuelans barely defeated a ploy by Chavez to "reform" the country's constitution. In truth, he was making a poorly disguised grab for power, one that would have opened the door for him to hold on to the country's presidency for life.

But Chavez was not deterred. After rallying his supporters, he won a constitutional referendum in 2009 that lifted the limit on presidential terms. Not surprisingly, a familiar figure with his own heavy-handed history—Cuba's Fidel Castro—joined the well-wishers. In response, Chavez ominously said, "The victory is also yours, Fidel."

What happens next depends on how Venezuelan voters respond in this fall's parliamentary elections, bearing in mind that the next presidential poll comes in 2012. The most important question is whether Chavez will allow results that chase him from office. At the moment, the answer remains unclear. In an insightful piece titled "The Wrecking of Venezuela," The Economist noted that, thus far, Chavez "has been unable, or unwilling, to disregard or repress opposition to the same degree as Iran's Mahmoud Ahmadinejad."

As time goes by, though, the allure of even more power could tempt him to imitate his Iranian role model.

In that event, Venezuelans may have to resort to relentless public protests of the magnitude that can unseat rogue governments. And the world may find itself gnashing its teeth as it pours criticism on Chavez and his cohorts. Sound familiar? It should, for similar events are unfolding in Tehran today. Venezuelans should look past Chavez's rhetoric and see their president's connection with Ahmadinejad for what it is. Rather than an alliance against their nations' perceived enemies and other so-called mutual interests, as Chavez maintains, it is an alignment of nefarious intentions. Further, a leader who incrementally restricts the rights of his people for self-serving purposes—and gets away with it—will eventually have no reason for restraint.

Rather than risk a future as miserable as the reality that Iranians suffer, Venezuelans should put a stop to Chavez's calculated drift into the realm of abusive rule.

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Letters to the Editor

Thank you

On behalf of Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, "Home of the Binadu," we would like to extend our sincerest appreciation to the sponsors, volunteers, and supporters of our 3rd annual Health & Cultural Festival celebration that was held on Saturday, May 29, 2010. Thank you, *si yuus ma'ase,* and *salamat po* for contributing to the success of our fundraising event.

A special acknowledgement to Mr. Ariel Narvaez, Mr. Danny Valenzuela, Mr. Carlos Ballesteros, Mr. Eddie Saturno, Mr. Jose Belnas, Ms. Marlene Cruz, and Ms. Gloria Nauta for their untiring commitment to GTC. And to our PTA officers, Mr. George Cruz, president; Mr. Bruce Bateman, vice president; Ms. Lori Serna, treasurer; Ms. Soly Camacho, secretary, and to Ms. Olive Reyes and Anthony Camacho for planning, organizing, and making the whole event possible!

To the sponsors that generously donated awesome prizes for our raffle, the vendors for their support, the emcees, Mr. John Gonzales and Mr. Fred Camacho, for a superb job, to our dedicated teachers and staff, and to Ms. Rose Taimanao, our CCLHS teacher, and her team, Ms. Jennie Magofna and Ms. Angie Atalig, for coordinating the cultural performances, to our parents for their continued support, and of course to our talented binadu students for their outstanding songs and dances!

Our sponsors included Aqua Resort Club, BRABU Pharmacy, Rep. George Camacho, Curves, DFS Saipan Limited, Ebisuya, HafaCast, Hard Rock Café, Herman's Bakery, JC Tenorio Enterprise, J's Restaurant, Kinpachi Restaurant, Marianas Health Services, Marianas Resort & SPA, McDonald's Saipan, Modern Stationary, National Office Supply, Palms Resort Saipan, Pacific Islands Club, Saipan Submarine, SDA Clinic. Sen. Pete Reyes, Sunset Cruise, and T&L Enterprise.

The following are the winning numbers for the raffle. You have 30 days to claim your prizes at GTC Elementary School.

Grand Prize:	#8675
Baby Grand Prize:	#8589
Baby Grand Prize:	#8704
1st Prize:	#8952
2nd Prize:	#8692
3rd Prize:	#8725
4th Prize:	#8662
5th Prize:	#8686
6th Prize:	#8790
8th Prize:	#8735
12th Prize:	#8629
13th Prize:	#8948
14th Prize:	#8943
18th Prize:	#8859
21st Prize:	#8969
32nd Prize:	#8868

Charlotte Camacho
Principal, GTC Elementary School
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Right to bear arms

Re: The right to keep and bear arms: David, well said and researched. We have a Walther P99 in 9mm beside our bedside table and would not dream of going without it. Plus, by our front door is a sign "Protected by Smith Wesson," "There is nothing in here worth dying for."

Frank Oliver
Sahuarita, AZ

A diverse Legislature

This is for my *bisinu* Joseph Mendiola. Joseph, we grew up together in our younger years and we were neighbors then. But fate got us together again, we are neighbors again at the present time. We have different opinions concerning Mr. Tony Babauta (Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior). You and the previous CNMI elected officials had failed our society (low minimum wages, no doctors after dark on Tinian, etc.). What we need is to make changes within our society. We need to restructure our Legislature like California. We need a diverse elected officials at the CNMI Legislature, so we can have checks and balances within the Legislature. We will have a better government system if other ethnicities participate in our local government. Mr. Tony Babauta will be the instrument to make such system work in the CNMI.

Like I said to one of our elected officials, "Your resolution is like a toilet paper being used in Washington D.C. and it means nothing." Mr. Babauta is the person who represents the commoners in the CNMI and he is here to protect each one of us. He is a godsend from heaven. *Si yu'us ma'ase sinot* Tony Babauta.

Segundo Castro
Stockton, California

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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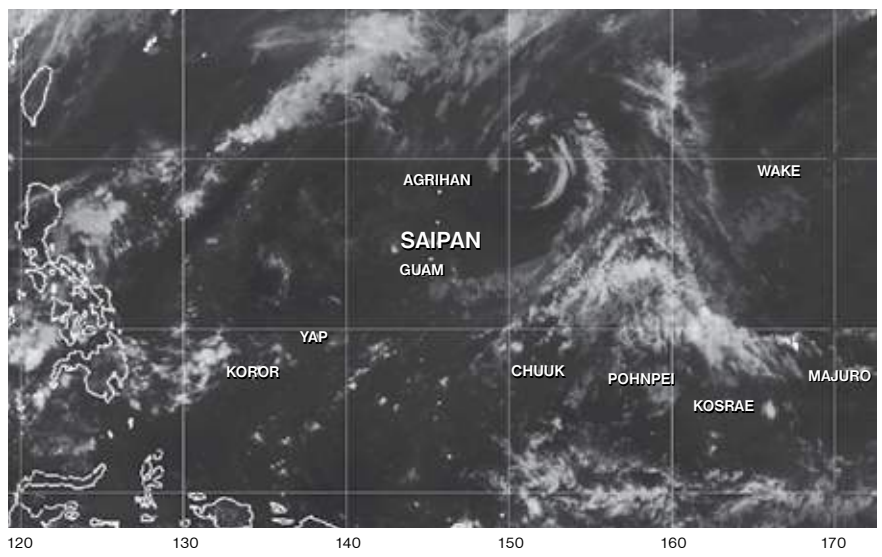
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼79
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼78
Yap	Showers	▲88	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲86	▼75
Kosrae	Showers	▲89	▼78
Majuro	Partly Sunny	▲86	▼77

Around The Globe

Auckland	Cloudy	▲58	▼57
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲79	▼63
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲81	▼77
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼75
London	Rain	▲63	▼58
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲74	▼60
Manila	Thundershowers	▲90	▼83
Melbourne	Cloudy	▲56	▼48
Miami	Thundershowers	▲90	▼80
New York	Rain	▲67	▼59
Osaka	Sunny	▲83	▼67
Paris	Rain	▲73	▼60
Pusan	Mostly Cloudy	▲79	▼65
Rome	Mostly Cloudy	▲86	▼69
Salem	Showers	▲60	▼51
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲59	▼52
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲90	▼66
Tokyo	Sunny	▲80	▼66
Washington, DC	Showers	▲73	▼67

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2010
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Low-level convergence southwest of Iwo Jima is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms within 75 miles of a line from 20N132E to 25N140E. A surface trough northwest of Palau stretches west-southwest from 9N134E to beyond 7N130E. Scattered showers are found within 100 miles of the trough axis. An upper-level low is centered between the Marianas and Wake Island near 20N152E. This low is causing extensive upper-level cloudiness around its eastern periphery but only isolated showers and thunderstorms within 150 miles of the center. Low-level convergence is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms north of Pohnpei to northwest of Kwajalein within an area bounded by a line from 11N153E to 7N163E to 11N164E to 15N158E back to 11N153E. A surface trough near the date line stretches southward from 14N180 to 2N177E. Scattered showers are found within 150 miles of the trough axis. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers across Tarawa between equator and 3N from 167E to 177E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

4:47 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
12:17 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
7:23 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:47 PM
Friday	5:46 AM	6:47 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:47 PM
Sunday	5:46 AM	6:48 PM
Monday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:23 AM	4:38 PM
Friday	4:13 AM	5:38 PM
Saturday	5:09 AM	6:38 PM
Sunday	6:10 AM	7:38 PM
Monday	7:13 AM	8:34 PM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 27, 2010

DEPARTURES

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

CO9597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUAM

CO9317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily
CO9313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
CO9601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
CO9603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily
CO9605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
CO9599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	5:55am	8:35am	Daily
DL297	3:35pm	6:15pm	Daily
DL289	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:20am	6:10am	1
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN
OZ604/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/703	2:20am	11:00pm	1 via ICN
OZ606/703	2:50am	11:00pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ608/705	3:20am	12:10am+1	1, 5 via PUS
CO9317/891	4:25am	9:45am	6 via GUM
CO9603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau
CO9603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	4, 6, 7 via ICN
CO9603/909	3:05am	9:30pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

CO9598	6:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7

GUAM-SAIPAN

CO9316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
CO9596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
CO9600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
CO9602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
CO9604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
CO9606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL290	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily
DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:40pm	1:15am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

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MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

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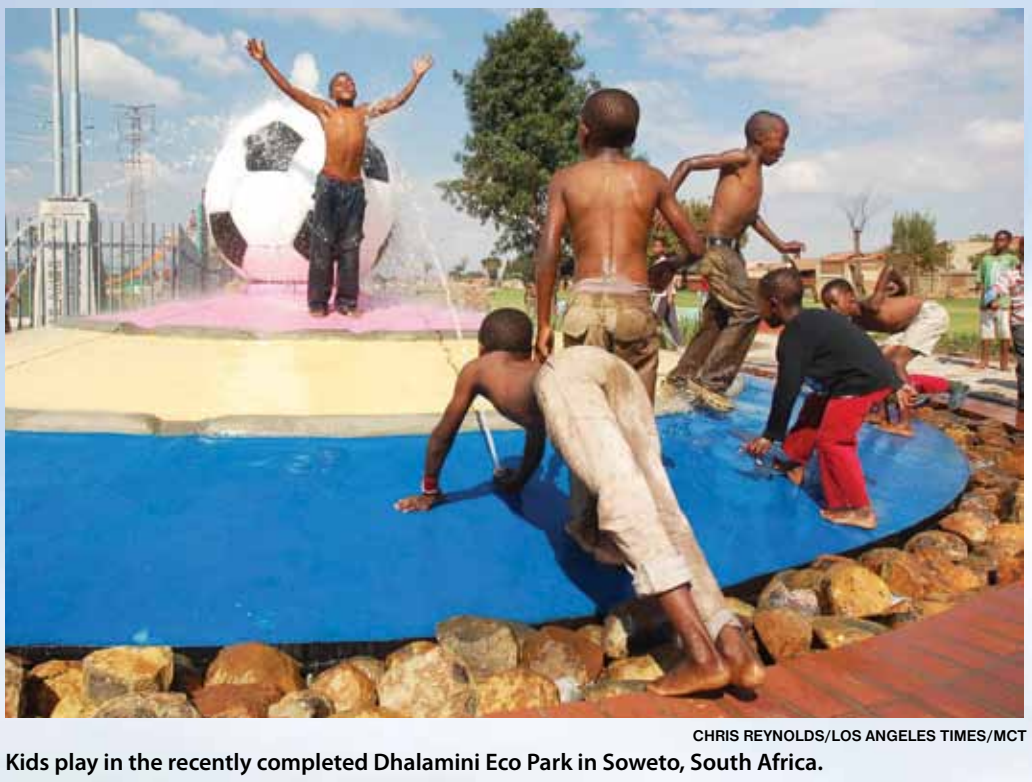

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Kids play in the recently completed Dhalamini Eco Park in Soweto, South Africa.

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Guests get a chance to groom an elephant at the Elephant Sanctuary in Hartbeespoort Dam.

South Africa set to bask in World Cup spotlight

By MICHELLE KAUFMAN
THE MIAMI HERALD

"Cry, the beloved country, for the unborn child that is the inheritor of our fear."—Alan Paton

Much has changed in South Africa since Paton wrote those words in his famous 1948 novel *Cry, the Beloved Country*. His main character, the Zulu pastor Stephen Kumalo, would be delighted. In fact, he might even celebrate the progress by blowing into a "vuvuzela," the long plastic trumpet used by South African soccer fans.

Apartheid was abolished in 1990, following worldwide condemnation of the racist policy. Civil rights leader Nelson Mandela, who spent 27 years in prison, won the country's first multiracial democratic election in 1994.

And this week, the eyes of nearly a billion television viewers will turn to South Africa as it stages the 2010 World Cup, the biggest sports show on Earth and first ever held on African soil. The tournament, June 11 to July 11, promises to be a defining moment, a chance for the once-fractured nation to reshape images and dispel stereotypes.

"Ke Nako!" is the tournament motto. Translation: It's Time!

A country and continent associated by Westerners with famine, disease, brutality, poverty, and crime has been entrusted with the quadrennial 32-team soccer tournament. More than 350,000 visitors are expected. Organizers, politicians and the South African people are eager to show another side of their country—modern airports and roads, state-of-the-art stadiums, posh hotels and restaurants, wineries, safaris, and shopping malls. They want to promote tourism and commerce.

Surely, they will put on their best face. Televised games from Cape Town will feature Table Mountain as a scenic backdrop, not the Cape Flats, a drug- and gang-infested area of the city.

South African organizers are determined to prove they can, indeed, pull off a global event, despite what the skeptics think. They have promised to curtail crime, provide adequate transportation and lodging, and fill stadiums in nine cities.

South Africa spent $3.7 billion on improvements to its infrastructure, everything from upgrading airports to lighting highways to building five new stadiums and improving five others. More than 40,000 police officers and unmanned surveillance planes have been mobilized to patrol one of the most crime-ridden countries in the world. There are 50 reported murders a day in South Africa, the same number as the United States, which has six times the population.

U.S. TICKET BUYERS

After a sluggish start, ticket sales are booming. As of Wednesday, 95 percent of the 2.8 million available tickets had been sold—similar to what Germany sold four years earlier. More than 130,000 tickets were sold in the United States, second only to the host nation.

"All the world is focused on South Africa," said Sepp Blatter, president

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Tourist Archana Srijeyanathan hikes the Light House Keepers Trail at Cape Point, South Africa, the southwestern tip of the Afican continent.

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AFRICA'S World Cup STARS

Africa's first World Cup team was fielded by Egypt in 1934, but it was 36 years and seven tournaments later before Morocco started the continent's unbroken run of appearances. Cameroon's Roger Milla became the first African to star in a World Cup, leading the Indomitable Lions to the 1990 quarterfinals. The only other African team to go as deep in the tournament was Senegal's 2002 squad. The 2010 World Cup will showcase a quartet of talented African footballers led by Cameroon's Samuel Eto'o and Nigeria's Nwankwo Kanu, each playing in his third tournament.

Samuel Eto'o
CAMEROON
1998 • 2002 2010
In 1998, 17-year-old Samuel Eto'o became one of the youngest players in tournament history; his first cup goal, in 2002, was a game-winner against Saudi Arabia in group play

Nwankwo Kanu
NIGERIA
1998 • 2002 2010
As captain of the 2010 Nigerian team, Kanu will be appearing in his third World Cup; in 1996, he played on the Nigerian squad that won gold at the Atlanta Olympics

Jay-Jay Okocha
NIGERIA
1994 • 1998 • 2002
FIFA 100
Okocha's play was key to Nigeria securing its first World Cup appearance in 1994; returning in '98, Nigeria again reached the round of 16; Okocha captained an '02 squad that failed to advance out of the first round

Roger Milla
CAMEROON
1990 • 1994
FIFA 100
Milla's four goals and his impromptu dances made him a star in the 1990 World Cup; appearing in the 1994 World Cup at age 42, Milla became the tournament's oldest player and also the oldest player to score a goal in cup play

FIFA 100
Milla was one of five Africans* named to the **FIFA 100** list of "greatest living footballers"

Three greats who missed out on the World Cup

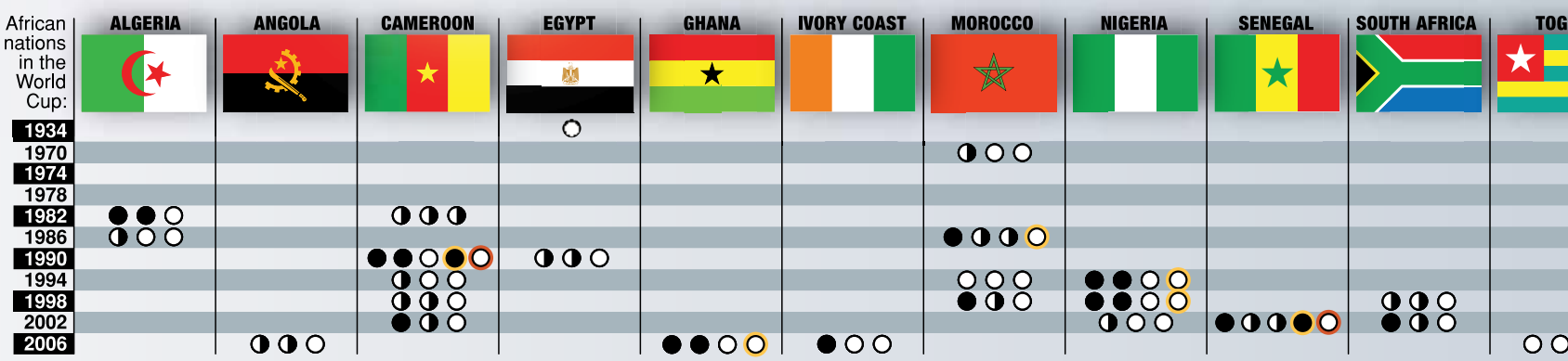
George Weah
LIBERIA
Selected as Africa's "Player of the Century" by sports journalists around the globe, Weah is the only African to be named World FIFA player ('95)

Abedi Pele
GHANA
One of Africa's greatest and most honored footballers, Pele played in 73 matches for the Black Stars and is known as Ghana's greatest player

World Cup timeline

Since 1970, at least one African nation has qualified in each World Cup. A record six teams will play in this year's event (see map). Here's how African squads have fared in past World Cups.

1st Round (WIN ● DRAW ◑ LOSS) | Round of 16 ○ | Quarterfinals ○



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* The fifth footballer on the FIFA 100 is Senegal's El Hadji Diouf ** Zaire appeared in

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of FIFA, the world soccer governing body. "And all the world will look at what happened in the African continent when, finally, there was an organization called FIFA that said 'We trust Africa. We trust South Africa with such a big competition.' "

South Africa hosted the 1995 Rugby World Cup, a politically significant event that inspired the recent movie "Invictus." The nation's rugby team had been embraced mostly by the white resistance, but newly elected Mandela got behind the team and presented the trophy wearing its jersey. That was a big moment. This World Cup can have far greater impact, as it will be viewed all over the globe.

"This is a very important step in Nelson Mandela's long walk to freedom," said Dr. Richard Grant, a University of Miami geography professor who is in South Africa this summer studying the country's urban reconstruction. "It is particularly significant for the black community, which has always embraced soccer. The fact that all the country, even the elite white, is so excited about the World Cup is a symbol of unification."

SHOW THE WORLD

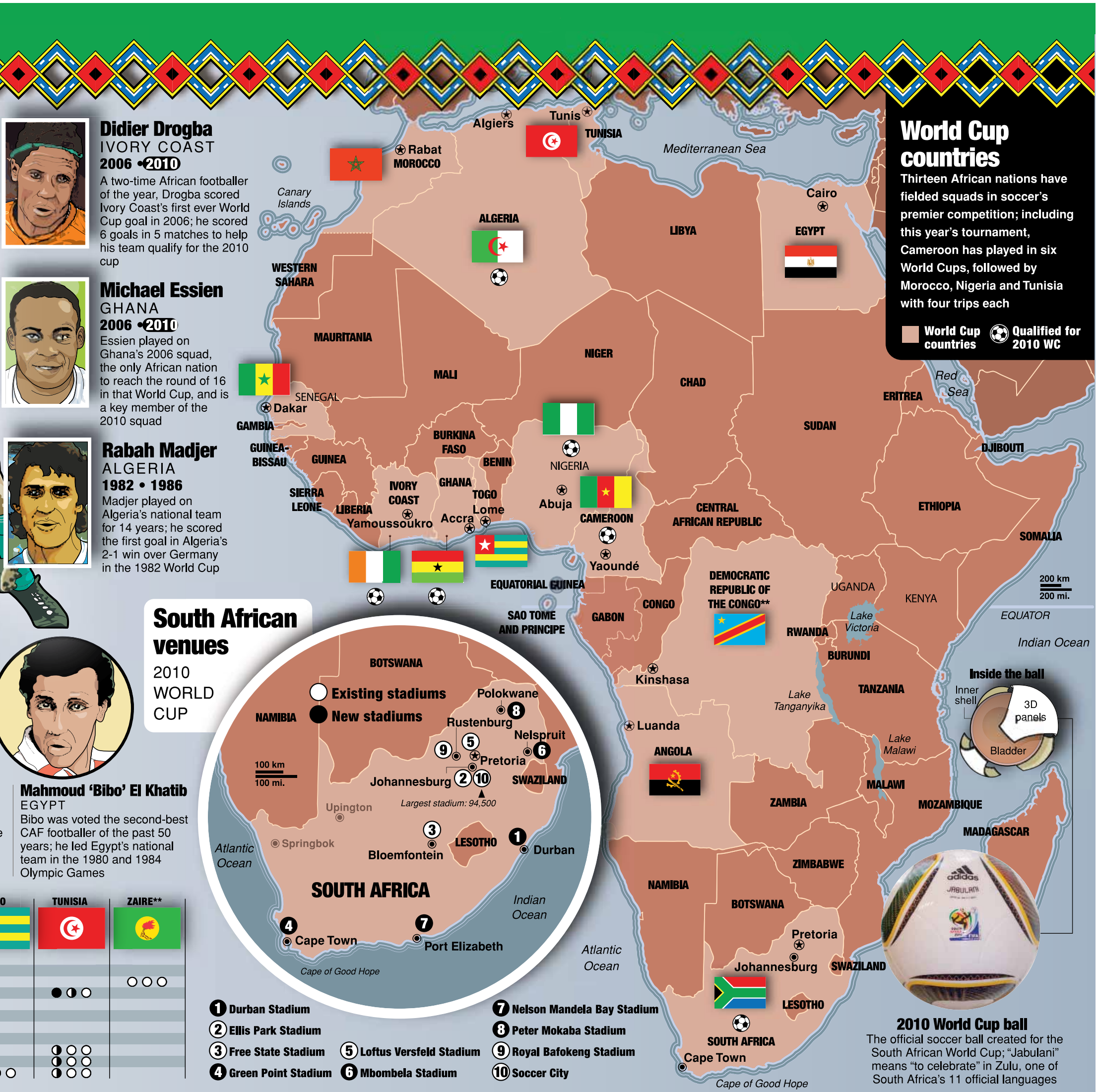
The newly constructed stadium in Durban features a 350-foot-high arch that begins with two legs on one side and comes together as one on the other, a tribute to the idea of a singular South Africa.

"For all of Africa, this is a chance to show the world that, 'Yes, you can trust us to pull off a big project and you can do business here,' " Grant said. "The perception of Africans is like that of Latin Americans, that they are laid back and can't meet deadlines with German or Japanese precision. This is their chance to show a different side of Africa."

This event, Grant said, "will confirm to South Africans that they are accepted in the international community." It will shed a light of hope and possibility on a country that is typically shrouded in despair.

ESPN announcer Martin Tyler has covered every World Cup since 1978. He said this one is special.

"People from all over the world mingling in a country where apartheid kept people apart for so long



the 1974 World Cup; today, the nation is known as the Democratic Republic of The Congo

while the world sat back in horror—that is a poignant, tears-in-your-eyes kind of story. To think that 16 years after the political change they'd be hosting this event after having been excluded for so long is a brilliant part of this tournament.

"I think the sights and sounds will speak for themselves."

The event is expected to provide a boost to the development of African soccer. In 1990, the Indomitable Lions of Cameroon reached the quarterfinals, proving an African team could play with the big boys. African players such as the Ivory Coast's Didier Drogba, who plays for Chelsea in the English Premier League, and Cameroon's Samuel Eto'o, who plays for Inter in Italy, are now among the most respected players in the world.

NO LONGER BANNED

South Africa, Algeria, Ghana, Nigeria, Ivory Coast and Cameroon are the six African teams that qualified for the World Cup and all will have the home-field advantage.

The World Cup is also a long-awaited celebration for South African athletes, who for so long were excluded from international competition.

Andrew Burrow, the 1987 NCAA tennis champion from the University of Miami, knows how it felt. He was among the half-dozen South Africans on the Hurricanes team at that time. He remembers black students picketing outside matches on campus, and some of the protests getting so heated that police had to be called.

"It was tough to be a South African athlete at that time because a lot of us were liberal and saw beyond the apartheid boundaries, but we were boycotted and booed anyway," he said. "I, for one, completely disagreed with the government policy. But you'd tell people you were from South Africa, and you got strange looks. I had many black friends at UM. Alonzo Highsmith, the football player, was a good friend of mine. I remember one time he told me, 'If anyone gives you a really hard time, you call me and I'll set them straight.' "

A CATALYST

Burrow, 46, now runs a tennis center at a resort in Georgia. He is "thrilled" the world will get to see the new South Africa.

"When I was growing up, soccer was a sport played mostly by blacks on dusty fields, but so much has changed," he said. "Just like the rugby cup, this World Cup will unite the black and white in South Africa and change perceptions all over the world."

Dr. Donald Spivey, a University of Miami history professor, agreed. "The general consensus about Africa is that it's awash in HIV and poverty and crime, that everything is wrong and bad. Now, the images on TV will show that there's more to Africa. The positives will be publicized for a change, and that is one of the great things about sport, that it can be such a catalyst for change."

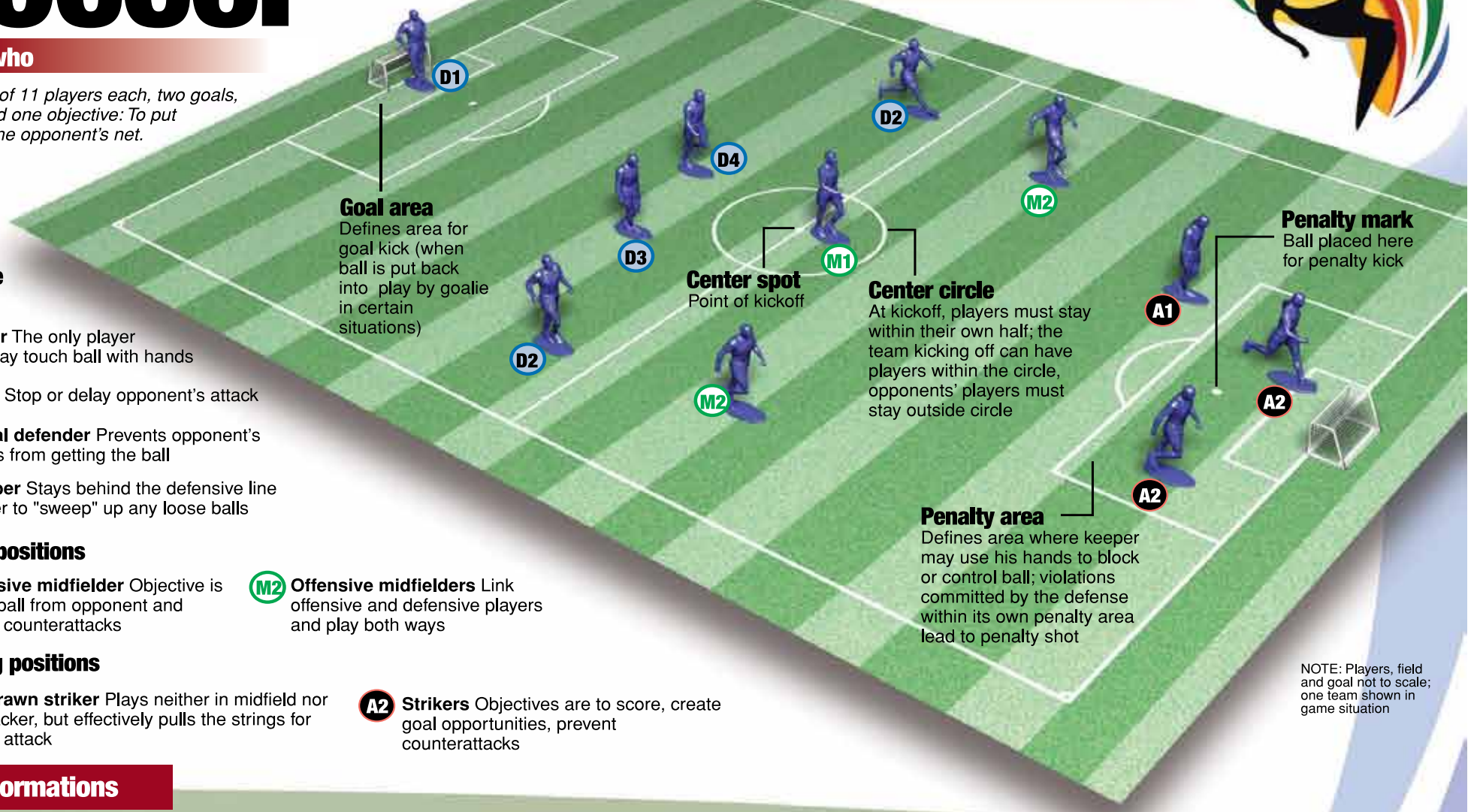
A beginner's guide

Soccer

FIFA WORLD CUP SOUTH AFRICA 2010

Who's who

Two teams of 11 players each, two goals, one ball and one objective: To put the ball in the opponent's net.


D1
D2
D3
D4
M1
M2
A1
A2
Goal area
Defines area for goal kick (when ball is put back into play by goalie in certain situations)
Center spot
Point of kickoff
Center circle
At kickoff, players must stay within their own half; the team kicking off can have players within the circle, opponents' players must stay outside circle
Penalty mark
Ball placed here for penalty kick
Penalty area
Defines area where keeper may use his hands to block or control ball; violations committed by the defense within its own penalty area lead to penalty shot

NOTE: Players, field and goal not to scale; one team shown in game situation

Defensive positions

D1 **Keeper** The only player who may touch ball with hands

D2 **Backs** Stop or delay opponent's attack

D3 **Central defender** Prevents opponent's strikers from getting the ball

D4 **Sweeper** Stays behind the defensive line in order to "sweep" up any loose balls

Midfield positions

M1 **Defensive midfielder** Objective is to get ball from opponent and initiate counterattacks

M2 **Offensive midfielders** Link offensive and defensive players and play both ways

Attacking positions

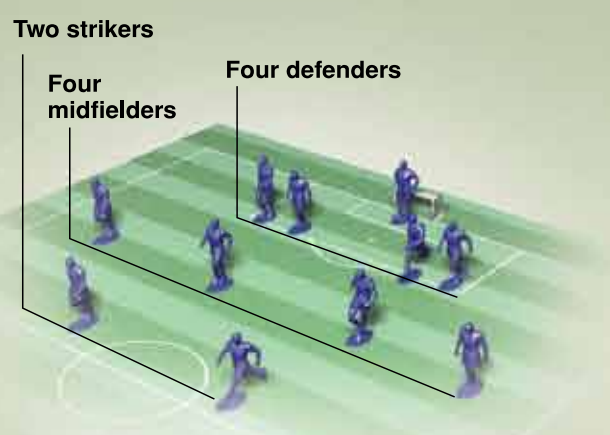
A1 **Withdrawn striker** Plays neither in midfield nor as attacker, but effectively pulls the strings for team's attack

A2 **Strikers** Objectives are to score, create goal opportunities, prevent counterattacks

Basic formations

Adaptability is the key; the best teams are flexible and change formations as the game progresses

4-4-2 'The adaptable'

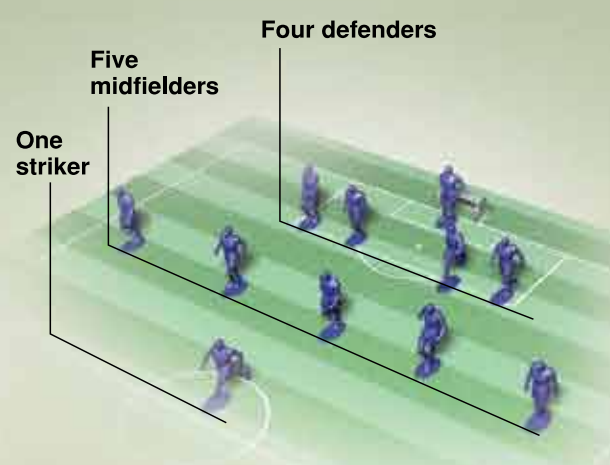


Extra support for front line, strength in midfield and plenty of width

4-3-3 'The attacking'

Three strikers split across pitch to provide width to attack; if behind, this formation might be an option

4-5-1 'The defensive'

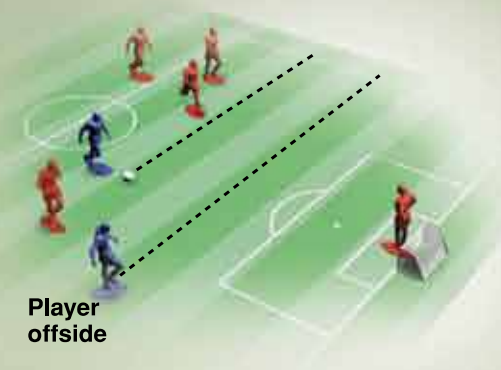


Effective at keeping ball possession, but with limited attacking options; works with big, strong front man

Situations

Offside

Player is offside if he is passed the ball at a time when there is one (keeper) or no opponents between him and the enemy goal line

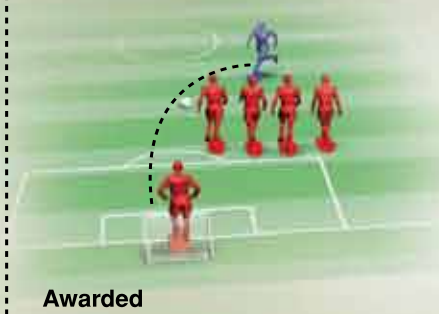


Often used tactically to trick attackers by leaving them offside; defensive lines will usually push up when ball moves away from their goal

Free kicks

Awarded to a team when player on the opposing team has committed a foul

Direct
Goal may be scored directly



Awarded

• When player commits certain fouls (e.g. pushing or tripping opponent); if penalty is committed within fouling team's penalty area, the kick becomes a penalty shot

Indirect
Goal may not be scored directly

Awarded

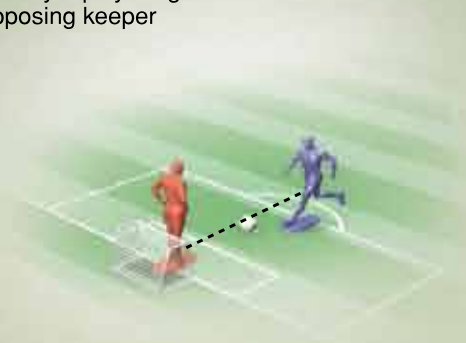
• When player commits other types of fouls (e.g. dangerous play)

• Infringements of technical rules

• When play is stopped to caution or send off a player when no specific foul has occurred

Penalty shot

A kick taken from the penalty spot by a player against the opposing keeper



Awarded

• For the most severe rule violations and those committed by the defense within its own penalty area; also taken in a tiebreaker to decide a match

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High Court affirms gift's validity in Mafnas v Salas case

In 2001, Joaquin Mafnas sustained debilitating injuries to his spinal cord while using the swimming pool at Mariana Resort & Spa, rendering him quadriplegic and ultimately resulting in his death.

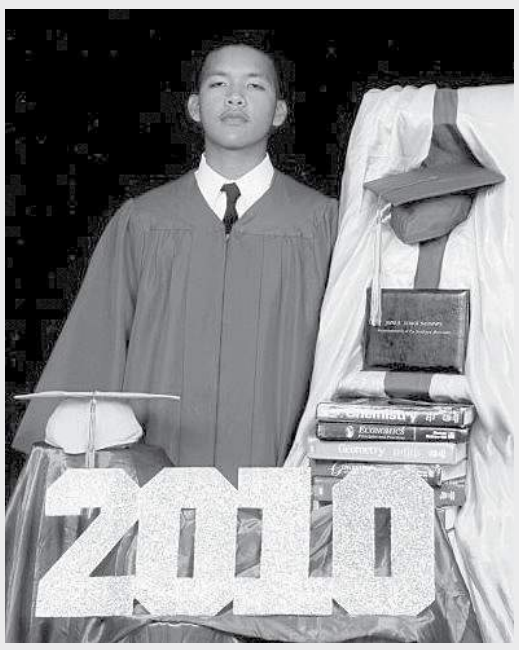
Shortly after sustaining the injuries Joaquin executed a general power of attorney in favor of his brother, Ramon Mafnas, to conduct Joaquin's business on his behalf. Due in large part to Ramon's efforts, on Jan. 28, 2002, the insurance companies representing Mariana Resort entered into a settlement agreement with Joaquin for a total amount of $4.4 million. A month after the settlement was finalized, Joaquin signed a document in front of three witnesses giving 15 percent of the total settlement proceeds to his brother Ramon as a gift. Joaquin died in February 2003 leaving behind his wife and two minor children. Prior to Joaquin's death, Ramon cashed a check, taken from the initial settlement proceeds, for $650,000.

Following Joaquin's death, Vicente Salas, in his capacity as court appointed guardian ad litem for Joaquin's two minor children, brought an action claiming that the gift was procured through undue influence. Salas asked the trial court to find the gift void and sought the return of the funds taken by Ramon from the settlement proceeds. Ordinarily, the person challenging a gift based on undue influence bears the burden of proving at trial that the gift was obtained fraudulently. However, in cases where the person receiving the gift stands in a position of authority or power over the person giving the gift (such as in an attorney/client or doctor/patient relationship where the receiving party is in a position to take advantage of the other person) the law presumes the gift to be invalid.

In a pre-trial order the trial court found as a matter of law that the power of attorney agreement between the brothers created the type of relationship in which the law presumes gifts invalid. Thus, it was Ramon's burden to prove by clear and convincing evidence at trial that the gift was not procured through undue influence. After a two-day bench trial, in which Ramon presented eight witnesses, the trial court held that Ramon had carried his burden – overcoming the presumption – and held that the gift was valid. Salas appealed.

The CNMI Supreme Court affirmed the decision of the trial court and upheld the gift. In its ruling, the court first recognized that gifts between those in a confidential or fiduciary relationship (such as between close family members or between a client and an attorney) are subject to a presumption of invalidity and are examined carefully by the courts. However, using the factors that other courts have used to determine whether a gift was taken through undue influence (such as whether the person had the mental capacity to make the gift; whether the gift was executed in secret; and whether the evidence generally demonstrated that the gift was the expression of the person's free will), the court ultimately agreed with the trial court and held that Ramon presented sufficient evidence to show that the gift was knowingly and freely given by Joaquin.

The Supreme Court's full opinion in *Salas v. Mafnas* can be found at http://www.justice.gov.mp/. ***(PR)***



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Happy birthday to Denn Manglona, who is celebrating his special day today, June 10, and congratulations on your graduation and appointment to the West Point Military Academy. We are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, Deanna, Paul Jr., and Pauline.

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Happy 1st birthday to our baby Jared Drake T. Reyes! May your special day be filled with happiness, joy, and many blessings! We love you! Greetings come from your families.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday greetings go out to Rosemarie S. Duenas, second from left, who is celebrating her special day today, June 10, 2010. "May you have many more birthdays to come! Greetings come from your youngest brother, Jun T. Santos, sister Ruby Santos, and friends Del and Jenny. In picture, from left, are Del, Rosemarie, Jun, Ruby and Jenny.

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REUNION IN CANADA CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Former Saipan residents and Verizon-Saipan employees pose for a photo at a recent reunion in Canada. From left, Mar and Lyn Marcelino, Kuya Boy Marcelino, Mayette Centeno-Arii, Ding and Lisa Zaportesa-Tiu and Nanay!

Babauta gives NMI Finance $35K grant for training

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Tony Babauta, the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas, signed a $35,000 Technical Assistance grant yesterday to assist the CNMI's Department of Finance in adequately staffing and training personnel to ensure accounting entries and reports provided to financial auditors are accurate and meet the Governmental Accounting Standard Board standards.

Babauta

The CNMI government is required under U.S. law to perform annual financial audits and statements that are subject to the accounting requirements established by the GASB. CNMI Department of Finance is solely responsible for accurately gathering data and providing the necessary information to independent auditors, contracted by the CNMI government.

"Providing auditors with accurate and reliable data satisfies not only external reporting requirements but ensures government laws and regulations are being complied with and that government funds are being effectively managed and used to better the lives of everyone who makes the CNMI their home," said Babauta.

"Reliable financial audits enhance control effectiveness making local governments more transparent and accountable to their constituents," added Babauta.

Funds will be used by the Department of Finance to improve and more efficiently report capital asset records, bond refunding deferrals and assist in addressing other technical accounting issues such as meeting new accounting standards and other audit and financial statements. ***(DOI)***

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
CUC-RFP-10-028

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the supply of (2) Two Bucket Trucks (Aerial Lift) for CUC Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Bucket Trucks will be used to carry out major repairs to 13.8kV distribution Feeder #3, and to grad Feeder-1 and Feeder-2 from 4.160 kV to 13.8kV.

The Scope-of-Work and Bid package will be **e-mailed** upon request to all interested offeror, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holiday, **until June 11, 2010.**

One (1) Original and Six (1) Copies must be submitted in a seal envelope marked " CUC-RFP 10-028, Rota Bucket Trucks" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No. 4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **June 18, 2010 AM, (CHST) local time.** Late submissions and conditional proposal will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the proposal. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety acceptable to the CNMI Office of the Attorney General. A performance and payment bond of hundred (100%) percent each of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety for proposal security or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Office of the Attorney General. No advance payment will be authorized on the project on an Irrevocable Letter of Credit (100% aggregate contract cost/ CUC Beneficiary) or a payment bond. All insurers questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Offerors must submit a Clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposal and wave any imperfection to CUC-RFP-10-028 in the interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM local time on June 15, 2010 10:00 AM (CHST)** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., Procurement and Supply Manager via email at msablan@cucgov.net, Mr. Wallon Young, Deputy Director Power System Rehabilitation via email at wallon59@yahoo.com and Mr. Charles Manglona, Deputy Director, CUC Rota at charles@cucgov.net.

/s/ ABE UTU MALAE
Assistant Executive Director for Operation

/s/ ANTONIO S. MUNA
Executive Director

Business

Gulf oil leak may be bigger than BP says

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—While BP is capturing more oil from its blown-out well with every passing day, scientists on a team analyzing the flow said Tuesday that the amount of crude still escaping into the Gulf of Mexico may be considerably greater than what the government and the company have claimed.

Their assertions—combined with BP's rush to build a bigger cap and its apparent difficulty in immediately processing all the oil being collected—have only added to the impression that the company is still floundering in dealing with the catastrophe.

The cap that was put on the ruptured well last week collected about 620,000 gallons of oil on Monday and another 330,000 from midnight to noon on Tuesday and funneled it to a ship at the surface, said Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the government's point man on the crisis. That would mean the cap is capturing better than half of the oil, based on the government's estimate that around 600,000 to 1.2 million gallons a day are leaking from the bottom of the sea.

The undersea efforts came as BP Chief Operating Officer Doug Suttles struck an upbeat tone about the anticipated progress of the oil containment in the next week. Suttles told The Associated Press in a stop in Alabama that the arrival of a second vessel in the coming days to help pump the oil from the deepwater gusher could help engineers make even more progress, even as others continued to criticize BP over its handling of the disaster.

A team of researchers and government officials assembled by the Coast Guard and run by the director of the U.S. Geological Survey is studying the flow rate and hopes to present its latest findings in the coming days on what is already the biggest oil spill in U.S. history.

Fed boss likely to strike hopeful note on recovery

WASHINGTON (AP)—Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke is carrying a tough-love message to Capitol Hill: The United States needs to stop living beyond its means.

Bernanke

Bernanke, scheduled to testify before the House Budget Committee on Wednesday morning, is likely to urge Congress and the White House to come up with a plan to whittle down record-high federal budget deficits.

Failing to do so could hurt the economy in the long run. That's because it can lead to higher interest rates for Americans to buy homes cars and other things, and make it more expensive for Uncle Sam to service its debt payments.

The nation's red ink hit a record $1.4 trillion last year. The recession took a big bite out of tax revenues, while spending rose to stimulate the economy and provide relief to struggling Americans.

While Bernanke has said that last year's budget deficit was unavoidable as the nation fought the worst recession since the 1930s, the Fed chief is likely to prod Congress and the White House to craft a credible deficit-reduction plan.

President Barack Obama has promised to freeze most domestic agency budgets.

As he did last year, budget chief Peter Orszag on Tuesday directed federal agencies to come up with budgets that would cut a nickel out of every dollar so that savings could be used to boost other programs. But the White House is resisting calls from Republicans to cut spending immediately by rescinding already appropriated money.

China wage hikes boost costs but might help sales

BEIJING (AP)—The cost of hiring Chinese workers who supply the world with inexpensive furniture and toys is climbing. But workers with more money to spend is good news for foreign companies that see them as customers, not just factory labor.

Areas throughout China have raised local minimum wages and some foreign employers have given out hefty pay hikes. That, combined with an expected rise in China's currency against the dollar this year, will squeeze exporters of clothing and other low-margin goods, possibly forcing thousands to close or move to cheaper countries such as Vietnam.

"It is very difficult for us," said Danny Lau, chairman of the Hong Kong Small and Medium Enterprises Association. He said some 2,000 to 3,000 of an estimated 50,000 Hong Kong-owned factories in southern China's Pearl River Delta, an export hub, might close this year.

But putting more money in workers' pockets will help turn them into consumers and accelerate China's growth as a major market for imports from Boeing jetliners to Brazilian soybeans.

"This is good news. It's going to start driving consumer spending," said Standard Chartered economist Jinny Yan.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Oil above $72 in Asia on hopes of rising demand

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Oil prices extended gains to rise above $72 a barrel Wednesday in Asia, bolstered by hopes of rising fuel demand ahead of the release of U.S. weekly crude inventory data. Benchmark crude for July delivery added 23 cents to $72.22 a barrel at midday Kuala Lumpur time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose 55 cents to settle at $71.99 on Tuesday. Initial inventory data by the American Petroleum Institute showed further substantial drops in crude stocks last week, signaling fuel demand growth, said Victor Shum, an energy analyst at consultancy Purvin & Gertz in Singapore.

Japan machinery orders rise in sign of recovery

TOKYO (AP)—Japan's machinery orders, a closely watched indicator of future business investment, rose for a second straight month in April, signaling that capital spending is gathering pace with an economic recovery. The Cabinet Office said Wednesday Japan's core machinery orders in April expanded percent from the previous month to 761.9 billion yen ($8.3 billion). The figure excludes volatile numbers from shipbuilders and electric power companies. The April result was far better than a 1.7 percent increase projected by economists.

Asian stocks lower on worries over Europe's crisis

TOKYO (AP)—Asian stock markets were mostly lower Wednesday as investors shrugged off overnight gains on Wall Street amid lingering worries about Europe's debt crisis. Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 stock average lost 93.79 points, or 1 percent, to 9,444.15 in the morning session. South Korea's Kospi was down 0.2 percent to 1,647.55 and Australia's S&P/ASX 200 slipped 0.1 percent to 4,397.60. Hong Kong's Hang Seng shed 0.4 percent to 19,404.94. Benchmarks in Malaysia and New Zealand rose marginally while Singapore, Taiwan and China fell.

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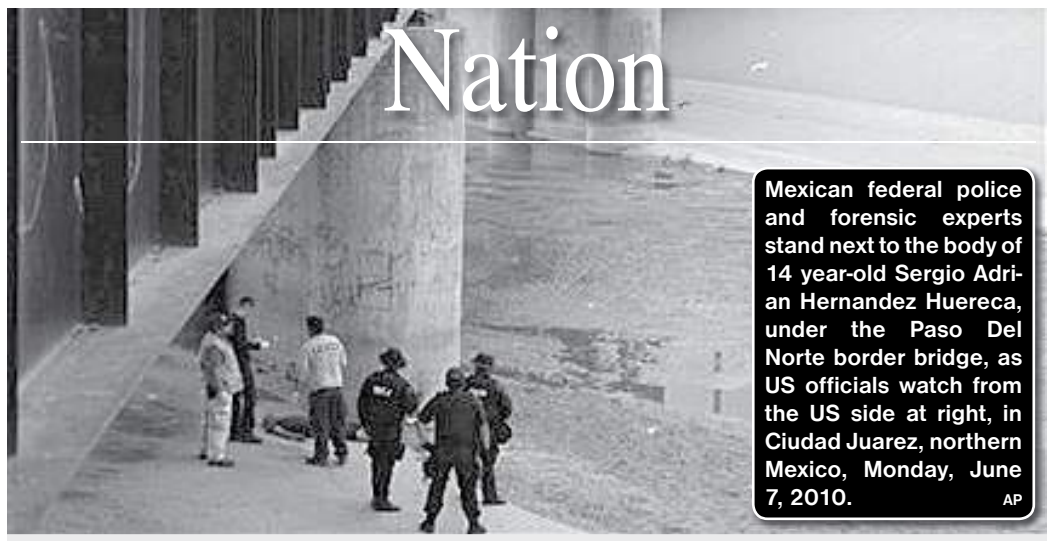
Mexican federal police and forensic experts stand next to the body of 14 year-old Sergio Adrian Hernandez Huereca, under the Paso Del Norte border bridge, as US officials watch from the US side at right, in Ciudad Juarez, northern Mexico, Monday, June 7, 2010. AP

Mexico teen killed by US Border Patrol, anger high

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP)—A U.S. Border Patrol agent fatally shot a 15-year-old Mexican boy after a group trying to illegally enter Texas threw rocks at officers near downtown El Paso, U.S. authorities said Tuesday.

The shooting, which happened Monday evening beneath a railroad bridge linking the two nations, drew sharp criticism from Mexico, where President Felipe Calderon said Tuesday that his goverment "will use all resources available to protect the rights of Mexican migrants."

The government "reiterates its rejection to the disproportionate use of force on the part on U.S. authorities on the border with Mexico," the president added in a statement.

It was the second death of a Mexican at the hands of Border Patrol officers in less than two weeks, and the case threatened to swell into a full-blown international incident when U.S. and Mexican officials traded suggestions of misconduct.

Arturo Sandoval, a spokesman for the Chihuahua Attorney General's office, said a spent .40-caliber shell casing was found near the body—raising the question of whether the fatal shot was fired inside Mexico, although he did not explicitly make that suggestion. That would violate the rules for Border Patrol agents, who are supposed to stay on the U.S. side of the border.

Somber graduation for Ohio school hit by tornado

PERRYSBURG, Ohio (AP)—There were tears and hugs for all the wrong reasons Tuesday night when graduating seniors received their diplomas from a high school ripped apart by a tornado last weekend.

For many, it was a chance to put down their shovels and stop cleaning up rubble so they could come together to celebrate and mourn at the same time.

"For an hour or two, we could forget about the destruction," said Katie Everhardt, a senior.

Administrators handed out diplomas that were dug out of the rubble at Lake High School's gymnasium. Among those graduating was the class valedictorian whose father was one of five people killed in the storm.

Katelyn Kranz smiled and waved to friends, but she didn't speak during the ceremony. She wiped away tears and got long hugs and a standing ovation when her name was announced.

Everhardt, one of Kranz's best friends, said she didn't how to help at first until she decided to look for clothes and photos that her friend lost when her house was destroyed—"anything that was important," she said.

ACROSS THE NATION

NY teen charged in 2nd plot on his old high school

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. (AP)—A teenager plotted with another to pull off a Columbine-style attack on his former high school, authorities on New York's Long Island said Tuesday—the second time in three years he has been accused of such a plot. Christopher Franko, who turned 18 on Tuesday, was ordered held without bail after his court-appointed attorney entered a not guilty plea to felony conspiracy. Franko and Dana Saltzman, 16, were arrested in early May on misdemeanor conspiracy, but a grand jury voted to upgrade the charges. The teens were plotting to attack Connetquot High School this Thursday with shotguns and explosives, prosecutors said. Their plan was to kill security guards outside of the school, then go inside and shoot as many students as possible, Assistant District Attorney Glenn Kurtzrock said. Once police arrived at the school, the pair planned to fire at officers before ultimately killing themselves, the prosecutor added.

Snowmelt-swollen rivers plague Wyoming, Colorado

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP)—Rain and a spring heat wave that is quickly melting mountain snowpack have sent rivers rising across the West, washing out small bridges and flooding homes in Wyoming and prompting some rafting companies to halt guided trips in Colorado. Authorities have handed out thousands of sandbags since the weekend. Rain has exacerbated the situation in many places. "We don't have a lot of control over it. The city guys and volunteers are working like crazy," Nancy Webber of Lander, Wyo., said in a telephone interview Tuesday afternoon. "And hopefully it will peak today or tomorrow and things will get better as the week goes on. But you never can tell." No casualties have been reported. But there were reports of roads and bridges being damaged in eastern Oregon, as well as minor flooding along the Snake River in eastern Washington and north-central Idaho and the Yellowstone in south-central Montana.

Missing Ore. boy search focuses on Portland area

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Investigators have limited the search for a missing 7-year-old Portland boy to the city's metro area, despite tips from as far away as Washington state, a sheriff's spokesman said Tuesday. Kyron Horman disappeared Friday after a science fair at the rural Skyline Elementary School. Kyron is still being considered a "missing endangered child," Multnomah County sheriff's Capt. Jason Gates said at a news conference, adding the disappearance is not being investigated as a criminal matter. "We're not prepared to call it a criminal investigation at this point," Gates said. It would be considered a crime "when we have elements or specific information about this case that would lead us in a direction where there are crimes that can be defined."

Asia

Aquino victorious in RP presidential race

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Benigno Aquino III, the son of Philippine democracy icons who promised to eradicate corruption and fight poverty among the country's many ills, won the May presidential election by a landslide, the congressional count that ended Tuesday showed.

A fellow opposition politician and mayor of Manila's Makati financial district, Jejomar Binay, won as vice president.

Aquino garnered more than 15 million votes—about 5.7 million ahead of his closest opponent, ousted leader Joseph Estrada, who pledged to support him. Congress will officially proclaim Aquino's victory on Wednesday.

"We have done this ... for the Filipino people," Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile told a jubilant crowd before he and House of Representatives Speaker Prospero Nograles banged the gavel to conclude several days of vote canvassing.

A 50-year-old bachelor and economics graduate, Aquino will officially become this Southeast Asian nation's 15th president on June 30. He will replace Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, who ran and won a House seat after a turbulent nine-year rule.

AP
President-apparent Sen. Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III, laughs during a news conference at his residence on Times Street in Manila's Quezon city Monday, June 7, 2010 in the Philippines.

Aquino's historic rise to power, via the country's first automated elections, has been largely attributed to his family name and strong anti-corruption campaign.

His late parents—opposition Sen. Benigno Aquino Jr. and former President Corazon Aquino—are deeply revered figures for their opposition to late dictator Ferdinand Marcos, who was ousted in a 1986 "people power" revolt.

Aquino's victory reflected the public's longing to fill a moral vacuum in a country plagued by corruption, poverty and violence. For many voters, it's been nearly a quarter century of disappointment since his mother led the 1986 uprising and restored democracy.

Aquino's father was shot to death in 1983 while in military custody at Manila's airport as he returned from U.S. exile to challenge Marcos.

Gore: Saving climate will save, not lose, money

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Poorer countries that have borne the brunt of climate change's effects will save, not lose, money by putting in place ways to rescue the environment, Al Gore said Tuesday.

The former U.S. vice president spoke to a forum in Manila in one of his first public engagements since he and wife, Tipper, announced they had separated after 40 years of marriage. He refused to answer audience questions about it, and reporters did not have an opportunity for interviews.

In the lecture focused on Asia, the Nobel Peace Prize laureate blamed global warming for droughts and frequent and more destructive typhoons, including those that have left millions homeless in India, Myanmar, the Philippines and Vietnam.

Gore

"When there are lots of them, much more frequently and they are bigger on average how can we connect those dots?" he asked. "How long will it take us as a civilization to connect those dots in a way that causes us to demand that our political leaders and political systems react?"

Gore said proposals to store carbon dioxide in the ground are expensive, and the best way is to trap them is in plants. He added that China is a leader in this area, planting more trees than any other country.

"A lot of the most effective ways of saving the environment actually save money," he said during the open forum. "They don't cost money, they save money."

Making vehicle engines more efficient, for example, can save money and gasoline—90 percent of which is wasted in vehicles that have inefficient engines, he said.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Report: South Korea delays satellite launch

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—A news report says South Korea's satellite launch is being delayed and may not take place Wednesday. The two-stage Naro rocket was supposed to blast off later Wednesday, carrying an observation satellite to study global warming and climate change. Yonhap news agency says that the launch process has been halted due to fire safety problems, and that it would be "difficult" to hold the launch Wednesday as planned. Other South Korean media carried similar reports. South Korean Science Ministry officials said they could not immediately confirm the reports.

NATO goods for Afghanistan attacked in Pakistan

SANGJANI, Pakistan (AP)—Suspected militants attacked trucks carrying military vehicles for foreign forces in Afghanistan early Wednesday close to the Pakistani capital, killing six people and wounding seven others, police and witnesses said. Insurgents have occasionally attacked the convoys over the last two years, but Wednesday's strike was the first so close to the well-protected city of Islamabad, something likely to cause particular unease. Much of the supplies and fuel for the U.S.-led force in landlocked Afghanistan are trucked through Pakistan after arriving on ships docked at the Arabian Sea port of Karachi. An Associated Press photographer saw around 20 containers on fire at a depot or truck stop on the main road leading to the northwestern border with Afghanistan, about six miles (10 kilometers) from Islamabad. Many were carrying military vehicles such as Humvees.

Australian study finds crocodiles surf the seas

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Crocodiles can surf ocean currents to take long leisurely journeys across open seas in the South Pacific, a researcher said on Wednesday. The research by a group of Australian ecologists published this week in the British Ecological Society's "Journal of Animal Ecology" explains how the world's largest living reptile came to occupy so many South Pacific islands despite having little stamina for swimming. Like a surfer catching a wave, estuarine crocodiles—which can grow up to 20 feet (6 meters)—can ride currents to cross hundreds of miles (kilometers) of open sea, study author Hamish Campbell said.

World

Sex abuse crisis gives new momentum to dissidents

ROME (AP)—The clerical sex abuse crisis is energizing Roman Catholic dissidents who want to open up the priesthood to women and ditch celibacy requirements.

They marched on Rome Tuesday even as Pope Benedict XVI called on priests to converge on the Vatican to cap a yearlong celebration of the priesthood. And in a sign of the deepening crisis, the faithful in traditionally Catholic Austria are at the forefront of demands for change.

In Rome, church reformers demanded changes in the male-dominated church structure they say is responsible for covering up priestly sex abuse for decades, pressing their case on the eve of a three-day rally of the world's priests summoned by Benedict.

Pope Benedict XVI

What was meant to be a year of celebration has turned into one marred by revelations of hundreds of new cases of clerical abuse and Vatican inaction to root out pedophile priests.

Representatives from a half-dozen pro-women's ordination groups denounced Benedict's rally, saying the Vatican shouldn't be honoring priests amid a clerical sex abuse scandal.

"The worldwide shocking disclosures of sexual abuse in the Roman Catholic Church and its concealment for decades clearly shows the scandalous aberration that can be caused by a supervalued male priesthood with forced celibacy," said Angelica Fromm, a representative of We are Church, a reform group born after an infamous clerical abuse scandal in Austria.

We are Church is one of many reform groups calling for women's ordination and a relaxation of the church's celibacy requirement for priests.

While progress in the women's ordination campaign seems far away since church doctrine holds that only men can be priests, there are indications that the tradition of a celibate priesthood may see some change—albeit not under Benedict.

Clinton: Proposed Iran sanctions will be toughest ever

QUITO, Ecuador (AP)—U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton on Tuesday called the proposed new U.N. sanctions against Iran's suspect nuclear program the toughest ever, a day before the U.N. Security Council was expected to vote on the measure.

Clinton told reporters in Ecuador's capital that there is strong support for a fourth resolution penalizing Iran for its refusal to prove its nuclear program is peaceful and defying international demands to halt uranium enrichment.

"I think it is fair (to say) that these are the most significant sanctions that Iran has ever faced," Clinton said at a news conference with Ecuador's president. "The amount of unity that has been engendered by the international community is very significant."

She declined to predict the outcome of the vote in the 15-member Security Council, but U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates in London said the measure would pass and pave the way for tougher additional measures by the U.S. and its allies.

"The strategy here is a combination of diplomacy and pressure to persuade the Iranians that they are headed in the wrong direction in terms of their own security, that they will undermine their security by pursuit of nuclear weapons, not enhance it," Gates said.

Anxious Gazans trying to leave blockaded territory

RAFAH, Gaza Strip (AP)—A Palestinian who had to delay graduate school in Malaysia and an elderly man forced to put off eye surgery in Egypt are among thousands anxiously trying to get out of Gaza now that the blockaded territory's gateway to the world has opened just a little.

A Hamas-run passenger terminal on the Gaza side of the border was packed on Tuesday with hundreds of Gazans trying to get clearance just to approach the crossing into Egypt. It was a chaotic scene, with stressed passengers arguing with overwhelmed Hamas border officials.

"Move back!" a Hamas official barked at the crowd from a hand-held microphone. Nearby, a black-clad policeman raised his club threateningly to cut short an argument with a middle-aged man.

Many of Gaza's 1.5 million people have been forced to put their lives on hold during the three years the territory's borders were sealed by Israel and Egypt, following the violent takeover by the Islamic militant Hamas.

Now, following last week's deadly Israeli raid on a blockade-busting flotilla, there is a glimmer of hope the darkest days may be over. In the wake of the assault that killed nine pro-Palestinian activists, world leaders have demanded the embargo be lifted or loosened.

WORLD BRIEFS

Anglicans cut Episcopalians from ecumenical bodies

LONDON (AP)—The Anglican Communion has suspended U.S. Episcopalians from serving on ecumenical bodies because of the election of a lesbian as a bishop in California. The U.S. church opened a rift in the global communion, and within its own ranks, seven years ago by electing a gay man, V. Gene Robinson, as bishop of New Hampshire. Conservative African Anglicans have taken a lead in opposing moves in the United States and Canada to promote gays and to bless homosexual relationships. Rowan Williams, the archbishop of Canterbury and spiritual leader of the Anglican Communion, had called for a moratorium on appointing homosexuals to leadership positions. He asked for action against the Episcopal Church after the Rev. Canon Mary Glasspool was made an assistant bishop of Los Angeles. The Anglican Communion is an association of 44 regional and national member churches, most founded by Church of England missionaries, with more than 80 million members in more than 160 countries.

Dutchman to do crime scene walk-through in Peru

LIMA, Peru (AP)—Peruvian police plan to take Joran van der Sloot, who they say has confessed to last week's killing of a 21-year-old business student in his Lima hotel room, to visit the crime scene, officials said Tuesday. They also said police have until the weekend to file criminal charges against the Dutchman in the May 30 killing of Stephany Flores. The beating death occurred exactly five years after U.S. teenager Natalee Holloway disappeared in Aruba—an assumed death in which Van der Sloot has long been considered the prime suspect by authorities on the Dutch Caribbean island. It wasn't clear if Van der Sloot has obtained private counsel, and there was no immediate word from either him or his family about the reported confession. Peru's chief police spokesman, Col. Abel Gamarra, told The Associated Press late Monday that Van der Sloot confessed earlier in the day.

Life & Style

Largest festival of disabled artists opens in DC

WASHINGTON (AP)—Jesse Higman's paintbrush isn't a brush at all. With limited mobility in his hands because of a car crash 27 years ago, this Seattle-based artist created a method all his own.

To control his colors, Higman built intricate tables with weights that bend his wooden canvas. Then he carefully pours pigment and water on the surface and watches them swirl to a small hole. The paint is like light being sucked into a black hole in space, he said. Left behind is a design he calls "Bone Orchid."

"I think of it like I'm playing with nature on this tabletop," said Higman, 42, who has been in a wheelchair since age 15.

His table and the painting went on display Tuesday at the Smithsonian Institution as part of the world's largest festival of artists with disabilities.

While Higman had wanted to focus more on fine art after working for years in the music industry, the idea of joining the 2010 International VSA Festival in Washington gave him pause: Would he gain a permanent label as a disabled artist? How would he be perceived?

But he decided to go with it.

"It's a legitimate art show, which I was a little bit skeptical of at first," Higman said. "I wondered if it was going to be to champion people with disabilities, to give them a pat on the back."

Instead, he found dozens of pieces of vibrant, interesting art.

The festival, hosted by the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts at sites across the nation's capital, runs through June 12 and features many free daily performances, films and visual arts. A juried exhibit, "Revealing Culture," that includes Higman's work among 130 pieces at the Smithsonian will remain on view through Aug. 29.

AP

Jesse Higman, 42, of Seattle, Wash., poses with his painting, "Bone Orchid," at left, and the table he designed to help him create his paintings, at the "Revealing Culture" exhibit, an exhibition of work by disabled artists, at the Smithsonian's International Gallery on the National Mall in Washington, on Tuesday, June 8, 2010.

Renowned glass artist Dale Chihuly contributed a large-scale installation. Performances will feature singer Patti LaBelle, as well as Josh Blue, who won season four of "Last Comic Standing."

Organizers brought in more than 600 artists, performers and educators from around the world, including students from every state who competed to have their work shown at Washington's Union Station.

Taylor Bernard, 8, of Richmond, Va., who has cerebral palsy, was among the winners selected from 5,500 entries for her watercolor painting, inspired by the sunset at her grandmother's Virginia Beach home.

Parker pays somber tribute to fashion's McQueen

NEW YORK (AP)—Marc Jacobs took home the big prize as the top talent in womenswear at the Council of Fashion Designers of America awards Monday night, but the big moment on stage at Lincoln Center was Sarah Jessica Parker's tribute to the late Alexander McQueen.

Parker

McQueen committed suicide earlier this year.

Parker told a celebrity-studded crowd that included Gwyneth Paltrow, Jessica Biel and Rachel Weisz that it was with "honor and great regret" that she was there to mark the contribution and creativity the designer gave to his industry. "I would have loved to see what he would do next," she said.

Parker wore a purple-and-pink print gown from the pre-fall collection that she said was hand-selected for her by the house's new designer—and former McQueen assistant—Sarah Burton.

After her remarks, a parade of somber models presented McQueen's final fashion collection for the upcoming fall season, which was rooted in several heavily embroidered, dramatic styles topped by feather-mohawk headpieces.

The audience reserved its one standing ovation of the evening, however, for Michael Kors, who received a lifetime achievement award from Vogue editor-in-chief Anna Wintour.

Judge says Lohan violated terms of her bail

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Lindsay Lohan's alcohol-monitoring bracelet got her in trouble Tuesday with a judge who doubled the actress' bail to $200,000.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Marsha Revel determined Lohan violated the terms of her release after a closed-door meeting with the actress' attorney and a prosecutor. Revel did not detail the violation, but said her decision was made after receiving "results" issued by a court-ordered alcohol monitor.

District Attorney's spokeswoman Shiara Davila-Morales said it was an "alcohol-related violation," but did not have further details.

A source familiar with Lohan's case told The Associated Press that the violation was reported after the "Mean Girls" star appeared at the MTV Movie Awards on Sunday night.

Lohan

Lohan was not present in court Tuesday, but several denials of wrongdoing were posted on the actress' Twitter account shortly before and after the hastily called hearing.

Lohan's $200,000 bail was posted less than two hours after the hearing, a move that quashed a bench warrant issued for the actress' arrest by the judge.

Lohan's attorney, Shawn Chapman Holley, issued a statement Tuesday, saying the device indicated the "presence of a small amount of alcohol" on Sunday night.

"Having just received the report, I am not in a position to speak to its accuracy or validity, however Ms. Lohan maintains that she has been in complete compliance with all of the terms of her probation and her bail," Chapman Holley said in a statement.

Lohan has been required to wear the device since May, when she missed a court hearing. Lohan is due back in court on July 6, when Revel will decide whether Lohan has violated her probation.

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Synopsis
Canine comic strip star Marmaduke leaps to the big screen with this family-friendly comedy starring Owen Wilson as the voice of the Great Dane. Also lending their voices to the 20th Century Fox production are Steve Coogan, pop star Fergie, George Lopez, and the brotherly duo of Damon and Marlon Wayans, with William H. Macy and Judy Greer heading up the human cast.

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Adrien Brody, Sarah Poley
Science, Fiction • Rated R
Synopsis
Two scientists (Adrien Brody and Sarah Polley) embark on a dangerous journey when they splice human DNA into preexisting genetic-engineered experiments in this sci-fi thriller from director Vincenzo Natali and executive producer Guillermo del Toro (Pan's Labyrinth).

Killers
Friday 4:05 7:20 9:45
Saturday & Sunday 1:30 4:05 7:20 9:45
Monday 1:30 4:05 7:20
Tues thru Thurs 4:05 7:20
Ashton Kutcher, Katherine Heigl
Thriller • Rated PG

Get Him To The Greek
Friday 4:25 7:10 9:55
Saturday & Sunday 1:25 4:25 7:10 9:55
Monday 1:25 4:25 7:10
Tues thru Thurs 4:25 7:10
Jonah Hill, Russell Brand
Comedy, Fantasy • Rated R

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The Prince of Persia
Friday 4:20 7:05 9:40
Saturday & Sunday 1:05 4:20 7:05 9:40
Monday 1:05 4:20 7:05
Tues thru Thurs 4:20 7:05
Jake Gyllenhaal, Gemma Arterton
Adventure • Rated PG 13
Synopsis
The setting is sixth century Persia. A nefarious nobleman covets the Sands of Time, a legendary gift from the gods that allows its possessor to turn back time. Whoever owns the Sands of Time has the power to rule the world, and this villainous lord would use that power to enslave all of humanity. The only person capable of defeating this tyrant and saving the world is Dastan a youthful prince.

Sex And The City 2
Friday 4:00 7:00 10:00
Saturday & Sunday 1:00 4:00 7:00 10:00
Monday 1:00 4:00 7:00
Tues thru Thurs 4:00 7:00
Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall
Comedy • Rated PG

Shrek: The Final Chapter
Friday 4:10 7:30 9:30
Saturday & Sunday 1:15 4:10 7:30 9:30
Monday 1:15 4:10 7:30
Tues thru Thurs 4:10 7:30
Mike Myers, Cameron Diaz
Comedy, Fantasy • Rated PG

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Japanese pundits protest dolphin film cancellation

TOKYO (AP)—Fifty-five journalists, academics and film directors in Japan condemned intimidation and threats that led movie theaters to cancel screenings of "The Cove," a documentary about the slaughter of dolphins in a Japanese village.

Three movie theaters that had been scheduled to show the film later this month canceled their plans last week after receiving a flood of angry phone calls and warnings of protests by nationalists, who have been screaming slogans outside the Tokyo office of the Japanese distributor in recent months.

Protesters criticize the film as a betrayal of Japanese pride.

The American movie, this year's winner of the Academy Award for best documentary, features undercover footage of the dolphin hunt in a Japanese village and documents efforts by Ric O'Barry, a former trainer for the "Flipper" TV series, to stop the slaughter of dolphins for food.

Distributor Unplugged said it was negotiating with dozens of theaters throughout Japan, but no showing has been scheduled so far. The film was shown at the Tokyo International Film Festival in October, but has not yet opened to the Japanese public.

AP

In this March 8, 2010 file photo, a dolphin demonstrates a flip at a dolphin pool in Taiji, southwestern Japan, where visitors can play with the animals.

Movie director Hirokazu Koreeda, journalist Soichiro Tahara and feminist Chizuko Ueno were among the 55 public personalities who signed a protest letter in which they said they were alarmed by the intimidation tactics used to pressure theaters to cancel the planned screenings.

"This is a film that has been widely shown abroad. If the work, which is about Japan, cannot be shown in Japan, it only underlines the weakness of the freedom of speech in Japan," they said in the statement sent to media and Unplugged on Monday.

They said that opinion may be divided on the film, but that meant it should be shown to a wide audience to encourage debate.

Most Japanese have never eaten dolphin meat. But some believe killing dolphins and whales is part of traditional culinary culture and resent the interference of outsiders focused on species protection.

"The work intentionally distorts Japanese people's food culture, and showing this will hurt many people's feelings," one of the protesting nationalist groups, Shuken Kaifuku wo Mezasu Kai, said in a recent statement.

Chris Brown denied entry to UK, tour is postponed

LONDON (AP)—Britain says U.S. singer Chris Brown has been denied entry into the United Kingdom, postponing his tour.

Brown had been scheduled to perform in London, Manchester, Birmingham and the Scottish city of Glasgow but the British government's Home Office said he had been refused a visa because of his past criminal record.

Last year Brown was sentenced to five years' probation and six months of community service for the beating of his then-girlfriend, R&B singing sensation Rihanna.

The Home Office said Brown applied for his visa last week and should have been notified of its refusal Monday.

Promoter SJM concerts said Tuesday that Brown's tour had been postponed "due to unforeseen circumstances."

Lawyer: Work release conditions held up Sheen deal

DENVER (AP)—A disagreement over the terms of Charlie Sheen's proposed work release has held up a plea deal in the domestic dispute case, according to a lawyer involved in the negotiations.

Attorney Yale Galanter said Tuesday that the final paperwork submitted to a judge would have placed Sheen under stringent rules while out of jail working at theater company, including not being able to smoke. Under the useful service program, he would have to follow jail rules while in town, such as only eating jail-provided meals, or face sanctions.

The jail also offers less strict work release arrangements, allowing people to report to their day jobs and essentially act as regular citizens during the day. However, Pitkin County sheriff's spokeswoman Deputy Marie Munday said that's intended for locals who need to keep their jobs while serving time. She said Sheen didn't qualify because he's not a resident with an existing job.

Ja Rule

August trial date set for Ja Rule in NYC gun case

NEW YORK (AP)—A court wants Ja Rule to book a date in New York City this summer—for a trial in his three-year-old gun case.

A Manhattan judge set an Aug. 18 trial date on Tuesday, after turning down the platinum-selling rapper's request for a hearing on a type of DNA analysis used in the case. In denying the request, Manhattan state Supreme Court Justice Richard Carruthers found "no new or novel techniques involved in the testing procedure."

Defense lawyer Stacey Richman said she planned to appeal the ruling.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Car reportedly owned by Kanye West stolen, wrecked

HONOLULU (AP)—Police are trying to determine who stole a pricey sports car that reportedly belonged to rapper Kanye West, and crashed it into a Honolulu house. Honolulu police said Tuesday a black Porsche Panamera rammed into the unoccupied house near Waikiki early Saturday, creating a large hole in the side of the garage and crumpling the sedan. Witnesses reported seeing two men walk away from the car after the crash, and police are still trying to identify the suspects. No arrests have been made. KITV and the Honolulu Star-Advertiser reported the car is registered to West, who had been in Hawaii while recording a new album. Police spokeswoman Michelle Yu wouldn't confirm who owns the car, and West's agent didn't immediately return a phone message seeking comment.

Heidi Montag files for separation from co-star

LOS ANGELES (AP)—More than "The Hills" may be ending for two of its stars - Heidi Montag has filed for separation from Spencer Pratt. She cited irreconcilable differences in a court document submitted Tuesday in Santa Monica, Calif. Montag and Pratt are stars of the MTV series "The Hills" and have been married since last April. The series is in its final season. Montag's two-page handwritten filing does not offer any more details on the couple's breakup. An e-mail sent to an MTV spokeswoman seeking comment was not immediately returned. The filing also doesn't indicate whether Montag intends to file for divorce, which would formally end their marriage.

Police: Paula Deen housekeeper charged with theft

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP)—Police say a housekeeper stole and tried to pawn thousands of dollars worth of jewelry belonging to Food Network star and celebrity chef Paula Deen. Savannah-Chatham police tell the Savannah Morning News they went to Deen's Wilmington Island home on May 3 on a report of about $100,000 worth of men's and women's jewelry that had vanished within the past year. Deen's husband Michael Anthony Groover told police the couple had caught housekeeper 47-year-old Mary Alice White with some jewelry and had fired her. Authorities charged White on May 5 with theft. They say she was caught trying to pawn a pair of $18,000 earrings at a Savannah pawnshop. When contacted by The Associated Press, White denied the allegations and hung up.

Kiss and tell: Ace Frehley memoir coming next year

NEW YORK (AP)—A Kiss and tell memoir is coming from Ace Frehley, former lead guitarist of the heavy metal band. Gallery Books announced Tuesday that the 59-year-old Frehley is working on "No Regrets," a look back at a "life of sex, drugs, and rock-and-roll." Gallery, an imprint of Simon & Schuster, plans to release in the summer of 2011. Kiss, known for its face paint and wild costumes, had such hits in the 1970s as "Beth" and "Rock and Roll All Nite."

Pistol-packing parishioner causes unease in the flock

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DearAbby

DEAR ABBY: My parents told me that a member of their congregation carries a licensed gun when he's in church. He is not a law enforcement officer or a private security guard, but keeps the gun on him "for protection." When I asked what the pastor has to say about this, I was told, "He doesn't know or can't do anything about it."

I suggested that Mom and Dad speak to the congregation board of directors because they are legally and financially responsible for the church. They refused even though they are not happy about this gun issue.

My parents have a long history of complaining about things but doing nothing to resolve them. I feel that if someone needs to carry a gun at all times, I don't want to be in his presence. If he's the target of an assassination, the killer might shoot the wrong person. I will not set foot in the church as long as that man is there.

I'm not sure what bothers me more—that this man is packing heat or that my parents have valid concerns and won't speak out. What do you think?

GUN-SHY IN N.Y.C.

DEAR GUN-SHY: If the man has a license to carry the gun, then he is breaking no laws. You are certainly within your rights to refrain from being in his presence. If your parents were really concerned about their safety, they would either talk to the pastor or go somewhere else to worship. Because they have done neither, I think you should let it go.

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DEAR ABBY: I am the oldest of three. Our mother was verbally and physically abusive while we were growing up. I now suspect she suffered from bipolar disorder, but back then no one had any idea what it was or how to treat it.

Her behavior drove our father away, leaving her to manage finances on her own. She made a miserable mess of it and, at 70, is still working so she can support herself. She wants to retire, but has almost nothing in savings. Because of the way she treated us, none of us wants much to do with her, and we are in no position to support her after she retires.

The problem, Abby, is that she has started laying an enormous guilt trip on my 22-year-old daughter and wants her to take her in. I caught wind of it and stepped in. There is no way my daughter should be burdened caring for her grandmother for the next 20 years. I feel bad that she has nowhere to go, but I feel she's reaping what she has sown. Am I wrong?

GUILT TRIPPIN' IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR GUILT TRIPPIN': No. But has your mother ever been diagnosed as bipolar? Is she on medications now that help her to control her behavior? If the answer is yes and she has tried to make amends, then perhaps you should try to be more forgiving and forthcoming. If the answer is no, then taking her in would be a disaster.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband thinks it's hilarious to sneak up and scare the daylights out of me. I have told him repeatedly that I don't think it's funny and it triggers anxiety attacks, but he won't listen. I enjoy his playful personality, but the startling has to stop. Any suggestions?

NOT LAUGHING IN GREENVILLE, N.C.

DEAR NOT LAUGHING: Just this: What he's doing is immature and sadistic. Humor at the expense of others isn't "playful"—it is hostile. Because it is causing anxiety attacks, consult your doctor and let the doctor explain to your husband the reason that what he's doing is a bad idea.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

HELLO?
HI DAD!
CALVIN, IS THIS IMPORTANT?
OOPS. WAIT. FORGET I CALLED YOU "DAD". OK? THIS ISN'T CALVIN.
CALVIN, I'VE GOT WORK TO DO. I'LL SEE YOU WHEN I GET HOME, OK? GOODBYE.
WAIT! DO YOU HAVE ANY CRIMES TO REPORT?
PHOOEY. THIS SECRET IDENTITY STUFF IS HARD TO GET USED TO.
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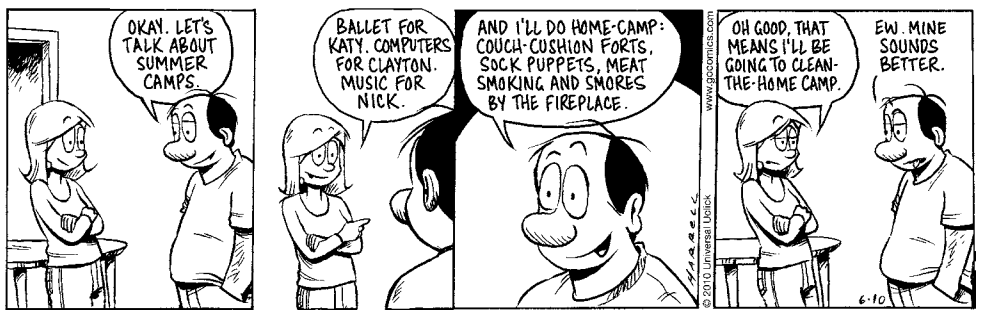
OKAY. LET'S TALK ABOUT SUMMER CAMPS.
BALLET FOR KATY. COMPUTERS FOR CLAYTON. MUSIC FOR NICK.
AND I'LL DO HOME-CAMP: COUCH-CUSHION FORTS, SOCK PUPPETS, MEAT SMOKING AND SMORES BY THE FIREPLACE.
OH GOOD, THAT MEANS I'LL BE GOING TO CLEAN-THE-HOME CAMP.
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The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

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THE REALLY WEIRD THING IS I HAVE ANOTHER PAIR EXACTLY LIKE IT.
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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Space
4 Do laps in the pool
8 Four-star review
12 Swelled head
13 2003 Derby-winning horse, Funny —
14 Eastern potentate
15 Potential mountain?
17 "So be it"
18 End of a school's URL
19 Becomes jaundiced
21 Bogart's love
24 Dine
25 Eggs
26 Menagerie
28 Coffee plus chocolate
32 Gives permission
34 Paid player
36 Map line
37 Welles or Bean
39 Tavern
41 Cover
42 Occupation
44 Vestibules
46 Heat-related
50 School-day transport
51 Stead
52 Act out a character
56 Smell
57 Active one
58 Pub order
59 Teller's partner
60 Revue segment
61 Triumph

DOWN
1 Jewel
2 Past
3 Skunks
4 Charlie Brown's creator
5 Xbox 360 competitor
6 Without doing anything
7 Big brawl
8 One with a lot to sell?
9 BBs et al.
10 Panorama
11 Sea flock
16 Author LeShan
20 Felon's flight
21 Philippine knife
22 State with certainty
23 Cut off
27 Scepter topper
29 Picnic side dish
30 Barber's concern
31 Tosses in
33 Temporary stay
35 Lummox
38 Postal Creed word
40 Burns or Frost
43 Hitchcock "villains"
45 "Uh-huh"
46 Hoofbeat sound
47 Staffer
48 Russell or Redbone
49 Diner employee
53 Mainlander's memento
54 "The Greatest"
55 Longing

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 6-10

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Happy Birthday: Your ability to understand the effects of your decisions on the people you love will enable you to make good choices, building stronger relationships. Your strength and courage will set the standard. Taking a lead position will also allow you greater control and the opportunity to step into the spotlight, gaining support. Your numbers are 3, 16, 20, 25, 32, 39, 41

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Nothing regarding your work or your current location will be clear-cut. You may have to make some quick decisions if you are to going to take advantage of a chance to do something you've wanted to do your whole life. Negotiate wisely. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Interact with people with the potential to help you advance. Make wise choices and you will have a reason to celebrate. Love is on the rise and, with positive circumstances, you will have fun with someone you care for or someone new. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Once you sort through the misinformation you've been given, you will have no trouble taking over and making an impression. Be careful, however, not to take on an impossible task. If you are direct about what you can offer, your honesty will win trust and support. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): If you have something to share, spit it out. Your practical outlook will capture attention. A promise or commitment can be made that will change your life both personally and professionally. Don't be afraid of change. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Don't leave anything unfinished. Your ability to follow through will raise your profile and reputation. Travel plans can be put into play. A secret interest will develop with the potential to change your way of doing things. ✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Serious action will bring long overdue response. Don't let anyone bully you into something you don't agree with. Focus on love and your personal life and let any decisions that you aren't sure about making sit for now. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): It's time to learn from the experts when it comes to your money and making it work for you. Attend a financial seminar or meet with your broker or bank manager and you'll feel better about your future. Don't let someone you love play on your emotions. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Focus on love, romance and enjoying life. Get serious about taking better care of yourself personally, emotionally and financially. You can join forces with someone on a project you've been trying to get off the ground. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Too many choices will lead to confusion. Size up your situation and lean toward the people, ideas, projects or plans that will bring you the best returns. An emotional attachment at work can develop if you are honest. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): You don't have to spend a lot to get information pertinent to a deal, project or investment you are considering. Taking the initiative to make personal changes or to update your looks can cause problems if your motives aren't valid. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Listen and consider what your options are. Getting into a confrontation will not solve problems. Size up your situation and walk away from anyone who's too demanding. A plan from long ago can be initiated now. ✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Lay your cards on the table and you will get a response. Once you know where everyone stands, you can choose a direction that suits your needs. Stick to the facts; if you give a false impression you may end up losing support. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You have a strong sense of obligation and are earnest. You are compassionate and helpful, loyal and loving.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 6/10

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Saturday's SUDOKU Answer

7	1	6	9	3	8	5	4	2
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1	9	4	3	7	2	8	5	6

Difficulty Level ★★★ 6/09

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

EUSTACHIAN TUBES **Solution: 4 letters**

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S	B	I	U	E	T	I	S	S	U	E	A	P	O	O
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Bryant, Fisher lead Lakers to victory in Game 3

BOSTON (AP)—Kobe Bryant scored 29 points and Derek Fisher added 16 to lead Los Angeles to a 91-84 victory over the Boston Celtics on Tuesday night and give the Lakers a 2-1 lead in the NBA finals.

Bryant had 25 points after three but did not score for the first 10 minutes of the fourth quarter. That's when Fisher took over, adding four key baskets after Boston winnowed a 17-point first-half lead to one point.

The Lakers regained home-court advantage they had lost when Boston took Game 2 in Los Angeles.

Game 4 is Thursday night in Boston.

Pau Gasol and Andrew Bynum had 10 rebounds apiece for Los Angeles.

Kevin Garnett, who had just six points in Boston's victory Sunday, had 25 in Game 3. But Ray Allen, who had 32 points in Game 2, missed all 13 field goal attempts—one shy of the NBA finals futility record.

The Celtics had high hopes after splitting the opening two games in Los Angeles, but the "Beat L.A.!" chants at the TD Garden couldn't help them overcome poor shooting.

The Lakers led by as many as 17 points in the first half, but Boston cut the deficit to four late in the third quarter and then made it 68-67 early in the fourth on consecutive drives by Glen "Big Baby" Davis and Rajon Rondo. With a chance to take the lead, Allen was called for an offensive foul away from the ball.

Fisher drove for a layup at the other end that made it a three-point game then scored four of the Lakers' next five baskets to give them a five-point lead with about 4 1/2 minutes left.

"We just had to be poised and understand they're going to make a run, and we did that," Bryant said. "They made a push but they never fully got control of the game. We made big shots when we needed it."

Bryant said his teammate was "just Derek being Derek. He makes big plays all the time. He never ceases to amaze me."

Allen and Paul Pierce combined to go 1 for 13 from the field as Boston went nearly 6 minutes without a field goal in the first half. Pierce finished with 15 points, including 3 for 4 from 3-point range, but Allen never snapped out of it.

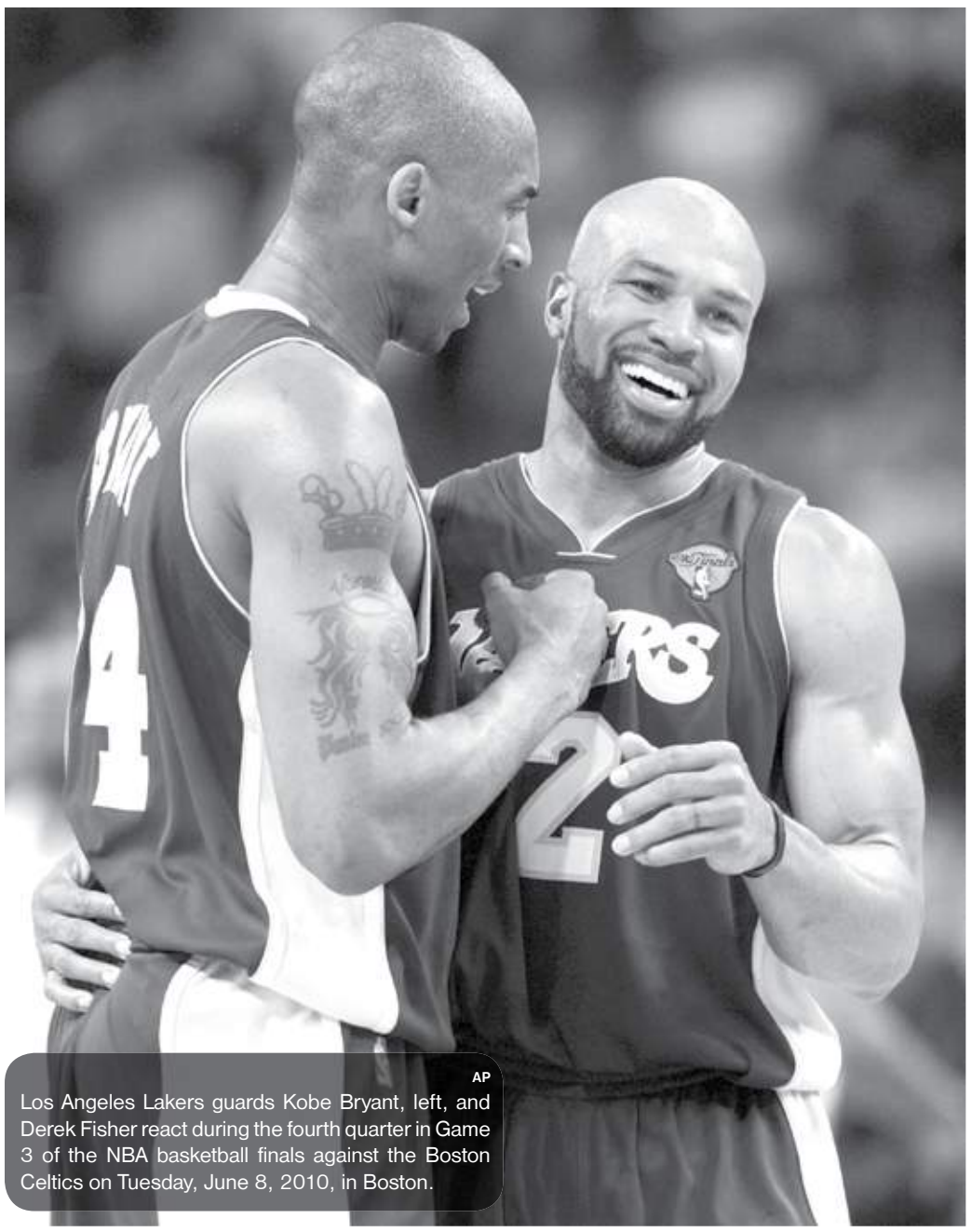
He missed all eight 3-pointers, all five 2-pointers and got to the line just twice. He was spared of matching the worst shooting performance in NBA finals history when Garnett was called for an offensive foul away from the ball in the final minute while Allen clanged another shot off the rim.

Baltimore's Chip Reiser missed all 14 shots in a 1948 finals game against Philadelphia, and Dennis Johnson was 0 for 14 for Seattle against Washington in 1978.

Garnett, who scored only six points in 24 foul-plagued minutes in Game 2, had that many in the first 75 seconds of Game 3. Rondo had Boston's next three baskets, and the Celtics were quickly up 12-5.

But the Lakers ran off eight straight points to go ahead, scoring 32 of the next 40 points to open a 37-20 lead with 9:10 left in the half.

Rondo, who had a triple-double in Game 3, finished with 11 points, eight assists and three rebounds.



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Los Angeles Lakers guards Kobe Bryant, left, and Derek Fisher react during the fourth quarter in Game 3 of the NBA basketball finals against the Boston Celtics on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, in Boston.

Cavs confirm contact with Izzo

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio (AP)—LeBron James can pick his next team. If it's the Cleveland Cavaliers, he won't be selecting their coach.

That was the powerful message from Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert, who refused to comment Tuesday on reports he has offered a massive contract to Michigan State's Tom Izzo and adamantly denied that James, the two-time MVP now on free agency's doorstep, has been running Cleveland's franchise.

Gilbert added that James will not be consulted during the team's coaching search.

Speaking at a news conference at Cleveland Clinic Courts to introduce new general manager Chris Grant, Gilbert refuted reports that James has had input on past hires and trades, the firing of coach Mike Brown and GM Danny Ferry's recent departure.

"The concept that LeBron James has been involved in any way, shape or form with firing our head coach, involved in the transition to general manager Chris Grant and will be involved in future coaching decisions and hires is totally, 100 percent and patently false," Gilbert said. "It's unfair to him. It's unfair to the franchise.

"He is a basketball player and a great one and his interests are aligned with our interests, but this concept that this franchise has been handed to a player who is running it and making the decisions is just completely and totally false. He'll tell you that and Chris will tell you that and I'll tell you that. The truth is the truth."

Grant confirmed the club has had contact with Izzo and "a number" of other coaching candidates but would not provide any details. The team is believed to have contacted former New Orleans coach Byron Scott and Milwaukee assistant Kelvin Sampson.

Grant said there is no timetable to hire a new coach.

"I want to find the right guy, and I want to find the right fit," said Grant, promoted after Ferry resigned last Friday, ending a wildly successful five-year run. "That could be in a week and that could be in a month and a half. We're going to make the decisions based on who that right person is and the best fit for our team."

As for Izzo, Gilbert and Grant did all they could to sidestep repeated questions about their interest in the Spartans coach, who has been approached by NBA teams in the past—but perhaps not this tenaciously.

"At the appropriate time, we'll have an announcement," Grant said, "and we'll have the next guy that's going to lead us out there on the court."

A person familiar with Cleveland's pursuit of Izzo told The Associated Press on Tuesday that Gilbert, a Michigan State graduate, and the coach have discussed terms of a possible contract that would pay Izzo up to $6 million a year for four or five seasons. Use of one of Gilbert's jets has not been discussed.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the discussions were supposed to be confidential.

The (Cleveland) *Plain Dealer* first reported Monday that Gilbert and Izzo talked about the framework of a long-term deal, worth about $6 million a season for up to five years. Izzo makes more than $3 million a season and is under contract through 2016.

The Cavaliers fired Brown less than two weeks following their second-round loss to the Boston Celtics. Brown, named the NBA's coach of the year in 2009, led the Cavs to 127 regular-season wins the past two seasons but couldn't get James and the team back to the NBA finals.

Brown's firing was quickly followed by Ferry's decision not to return. The upheaval has given the impression the Cavs are in chaos just as James enters free agency. Gilbert, though, said all the decisions were based on his desire to bring a championship to Cleveland, and that while the moves may be risky, they were not done without deep consideration and analysis.

"If you took the other approach that you do nothing and nothing happened, I think the criticism would be just as loud," Gilbert said. "It was our view that the benefit outweighed the risk of making some significant changes here to get us over the hump and get us to where we need to be.

"This is not about franchise value. This is not about the payroll we spent or didn't spend. This is driven solely on the motivational factor of delivering a championship to this city. Period. We believe this is LeBron's goal, it's Chris Grant's goal, it'll be our head coach's goal. We're just going to keep going until we get there."

Grant said the team intends to stay in close contact with James, but would not reveal specifics about plans to land the superstar or any free agents.

While not revealing potential coaching names, Grant said the uncertainty of James' future with Cleveland has not been viewed negatively by candidates. He said the lure of coaching one of the league's top franchises—with or without James—is enticing.

"People look at this organization and have seen what it's done over the last five years and they're really impressed," he said. "They see games on TV, they see what the business side has done, they see the sellouts. People look at this and say, 'Wow, it's a desirable place and I'd like to be there.'"

Izzo has had little to say about the Cavs' courtship. During a radio interview on Monday night, he described some of the reports as "far-fetched."

"I'm the Michigan State coach, and that's what I'm going to do right now," he said. "Who knows what the future brings? But it sure isn't at all like it's maybe being speculated."

According to the latest version of Izzo's deal, he has to pay the school $500,000 within 30 days of terminating his employment if he takes another job.

A message was left Tuesday by the AP for Izzo, who led the Spartans to the Final Four this year for the sixth time in 12 seasons.

Hornets introduce new coach Monty Williams

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—There was a twinkle in Monty Williams' eyes as he recalled all the times Doc Rivers yelled at him when they were together with the Orlando Magic.

When Williams was introduced as the ninth head coach of the New Orleans Hornets on Tuesday, he admitted the current Boston Celtics coach was right about one thing.

"Doc Rivers kind of told me I'd be a head coach one day. I just kind of looked at him like he was nuts," Williams recalled. "It wasn't a part of my thinking at the time."

Williams, a former first-round draft choice out of Notre Dame by the New York Knicks, played nine NBA seasons. He traces his road to coaching to a point during his three seasons with Orlando when he walked toward the bench during a game that wasn't going well and told Rivers the Magic needed a timeout.

"He just goes off on me: 'Just play and get out of here!'" Williams recalled Rivers saying. "I start walking toward half court, saying what I had to say, and then he called timeout. After that, we had some talks ... and he just brought it up that I might be a coach someday.

"I was like, there's no way I'd want to deal with (a player like) me if I became a coach," Williams said.

But the seed had been planted.

And soon after chronic knee problems ended his playing career in 2003, Williams became a coaching intern with Gregg Popovich's staff in San Antonio in 2004-05, a season the Spurs won an NBA title.

The following season, he joined Nate McMillan's staff in Portland, remaining with the Trail Blazers until now.

At 38, he is a head coach for the first time and currently the youngest in the NBA.

He'll inherit a squad that went 37-45 last season and missed the playoffs for the first time in three years. Yet Williams said he thought the Hornets would be a good fit for him when they called and told him he was a candidate for their coaching vacancy.

One big reason was the presence of three-time All-Star point guard Chris Paul.

"In Portland, we were always trying to get (a top) point guard, and then we got Andre Miller last year and I realized how much easier the game can be when you have an elite point guard running your team," Williams said.

Strasburg strikes out 14 in Nationals' debut

WASHINGTON (AP)—Stephen Strasburg exceeded expectations in his much-hyped major league debut, striking out 14 batters in seven innings to lead the Washington Nationals to a 5-2 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Tuesday.

Last year's No. 1 overall draft pick allowed four hits, two earned runs and didn't walk a batter, piling up the most strikeouts in a debut since J.R. Richard fanned 15 for Houston in 1971.

The 21-year-old made one noticeable mistake, changeup hit by Delwyn Young into the first row in right field for a two-run homer in the fourth inning.

The homer gave the Pirates a 2-1 lead, but the Nationals put their rookie in position to win with three runs in the sixth. Adam Dunn hit a two-run homer, and Josh Willingham followed with a solo shot, allowing Strasburg to leave the game with a two-run lead.

Ryan Zimmerman also homered for the Nationals, another solo shot in the first inning. All three of Washington's home runs came off Pirates starter Jeff Karstens (1-2).

Mets 2, Padres 1

At New York, Ike Davis homered in the 11th inning and Mike Pelfrey turned in another terrific outing for New York, which won its ninth straight home game.

Davis started the 11th with a long drive into the second deck in right field off Edward Mujica (2-1) for his seventh homer. The rookie first baseman was mobbed by his teammates at home plate after New York's latest dramatic win at Citi Field.

Chase Headley had two hits for San Diego and Clayton Richard pitched seven strong innings.

Phillies 10, Marlins 8

At Philadelphia, Ben Francisco hit a two-run single with two outs in the eighth inning to help Philadelphia rally past Florida.

Brad Lidge pitched out of a bases-loaded jam in the ninth for his third save in three tries. He retired Ronny Paulino on an infield popup to end it.

Ryan Howard and Shane Victorino homered for the struggling Phillies, who scored more than three runs for just the third time in the last 16 games.

Giants 3, Reds 0

At Cincinnati, Matt Cain pitched a seven-hitter for his second shutout of the season and singled home a run in the eighth inning to help San Francisco pull away for a victory over Cincinnati.

Cain (5-4) subdued the NL's most prolific offense—Brandon Phillips had three of Cincinnati's hits—while going the distance for the third time this season. He has all of the Giants' complete games.

Juan Uribe hit his ninth homer into the upper deck in left field off right-hander Sam LeCure (1-2). Slumping Bengie Molina and Cain added run-scoring singles in the eighth off Nick Masset.

Washington Nationals starting pitcher Stephen Strasburg throws during the second inning of a baseball game against the Pittsburgh Pirates, Strasburg's debut in the majors, in Washington on Tuesday, June 8, 2010.

AP

Astros 4, Rockies 3

At Denver, Carlos Lee had three hits, including a tie-breaking RBI single in the eighth inning, as Houston rallied from a three-run deficit to beat Colorado.

Colorado starter Jeff Francis left after seven innings with a 3-2 lead but the Rockies' bullpen could not protect it.

Pinch-hitter Michael Bourn singled off Matt Belisle (1-2) to start the eighth. He went to second on a balk and advanced to third on Tommy Manzella's one-out infield single. Franklin Morales relieved and Lance Berkman reached on an RBI fielder's choice. Rafael Betancourt relieved and Lee hit a broken-bat single to give the Astros their first lead.

Brewers 3, Cubs 2

At Milwaukee, Casey McGehee hit a two-run single with two outs in the ninth inning to rally Milwaukee past Chicago.

Facing Cubs reliever Carlos Marmol with runners on second and third and the Brewers trailing by one, McGehee rolled a single up the middle to score Rickie Weeks and Prince Fielder.

Corey Hart hit his 15th home run and John Axford (2-1) for the win for Milwaukee.

Braves 7, Diamondbacks 5

At Phoenix, Melky Cabrera had three of Atlanta's 14 hits, including a triple in a win over Arizona.

Troy Glaus doubled in the go-ahead run in the eighth inning off Esmerling Vasquez (0-2), then Cabrera raced home from third on Juan Gutierrez's wild pitch in the ninth.

Kelly Johnson was 3 for 5 with a home run and three RBIs for Arizona. Justin Upton and Mark Reynolds also homered for the Diamondbacks.

Atlanta starter Kris Medlen singled, walked twice and scored two runs. He left after five innings with a strained left shoulder, the result of a headfirst slide just ahead of Upton's throw from right field for a run that tied it at 4.

Jonathan Venters (1-0) pitched 1 1-3 innings to get the victory. Billy Wagner threw a scoreless ninth for his 10th save in 12 tries.

Dodgers 1, Cardinals 0

At Los Angeles, Manny Ramirez hit an RBI double in the eighth inning in a victory over St. Louis. The win gave Los Angeles sole possession of first place in the NL West for the first time this season.

The Dodgers lead San Diego by a half-game. With their eighth win in 10 games, they're back in first for the first time since being tied on May 22.

Hong-Chih Kuo (2-1) pitched the eighth for the win, allowing one hit and striking out one. Jonathan Broxton pitched a scoreless ninth to earn his 15th save in 17 chances.

Trever Miller (0-1) got the loss, giving up one run and two hits in one-third of an inning.

Chris Carpenter gave up six hits, struck out five and walked one in seven innings for the Cardinals, while Hiroki Kuroda also went seven innings and allowed four hits, struck out six and walked one.

Tigers 7, White Sox 2

At Chicago, Brennan Boesch and Carlos Guillen hit back-to-back homers in a six-run seventh inning to lift the Detroit Tigers to a 7-2 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday.

Armando Galarraga, the centerpiece of a national story when a blown call against Cleveland last week spoiled a perfect game, had a relatively uneventful night. He gave up a leadoff single to Juan Pierre in the first after being cheered on his way to the mound and allowed two runs and seven hits in five innings.

Brad Thomas (3-0) two scoreless innings for the win. Matt Thornton (2-3) took the loss.

Rays 9, Blue Jays 0

At Florida, struggling slugger Carlos Pena homered twice and drove in five runs to back unbeaten Jeff Niemann's two-hit pitching as Tampa Bay beat Toronto.

Pena hit a solo shot off Brian Tallet (1-2) and a grand slam off Rommie Lewis, giving him three homers in his last two games as he tries to hit his way out of a season-long slump.

Niemann (6-0) didn't allow a runner past first base, limiting the Blue Jays to singles by Mike McCoy in the sixth inning and Adam Lind in the seventh en route to his third career shutout. Niemann, who walked one and struck out six, retired his last nine batters.

Evan Longoria and Willy Aybar drove in two runs apiece for the Rays, who have won 11 of 13 against the Blue Jays at Tropicana Field over the past two seasons.

Yankees 12, Orioles 7

At Baltimore, Curtis Granderson hit a grand slam, Nick Swisher homered and drove in five runs, and New York cruised past Baltimore.

Mark Teixeira also connected for the Yankees, who led 6-0 in the third inning and used a six-run seventh to make it 12-3. Teixeira, who came in batting .211, went 3 for 4 with two walks.

New York is 9-1 against the Orioles this season. The Yankees have won 13 of their last 17 in Baltimore.

Baltimore is 1-3 under interim manager Juan Samuel and has been outscored 31-9 in the three defeats.

Phil Hughes (8-1) gave up three runs in six innings to earn his second victory over the Orioles in a week. His eight wins is tied for the AL lead and matches his career high.

Kevin Millwood (0-7) allowed six runs, 10 hits and five walks in 5 2-3 innings.

Red Sox 3, Indians 2

At Cleveland, Tim Wakefield bounced back from two rough outings and became Boston's career leader in innings pitched, leading the Red Sox over Cleveland.

Wakefield (2-4) gave up four hits and one earned run in 7 1-3 innings to reach 2,777 innings with Boston, one more than Roger Clemens worked in a Red Sox uniform.

The 43-year-old knuckleballer retired 15 in a row during one stretch and left after yielding a pinch-hit double to Travis Hafner. Daniel Bard worked the ninth for his second save.

Wakefield struck out six without a walk. Boston starters are 9-0 with a 0.75 ERA in their last 10 road games.

The Red Sox have won 17 of 20 against Cleveland since trailing the Indians 3-1 in the 2007 AL championship series, then rallying to win the AL pennant and the World Series.

Boston got three unearned runs in the fourth off David Huff (2-7).

Rangers 7, Mariners 1

At Texas, Colby Lewis allowed four hits over seven innings and Vladimir Guerrero homered to help Texas beat Felix Hernandez.

Lewis (5-4) had lost four of his previous five decisions before getting back on track against Seattle. Elvis Andrus went 3 for 5 with two RBIs for Texas, who ended a two-game skid.

Guerrero's two-run shot in the seventh was his team-high 13th, stretching Texas' lead to 7-1 and chasing Hernandez (3-5), who went 19-5 and was the AL Cy Young Award runner-up in 2009.

Josh Hamilton had a two-run double in the first.

Twins 7, Royals 3

At Minnesota, Zack Greinke was hit hard again, and Kansas City never recovered from its first-inning deficit in a loss to Kevin Slowey and Minnesota.

Slowey (7-3) allowed three hits — none until the fifth. He tossed seven shutout innings, his first outing without an earned run in 39 starts since July 28, 2008.

Jason Kubel homered, and his two-run double in the first gave the Twins a 3-0 lead. Denard Span added a two-run single in the fourth. Matt Guerrier got one out for his first save after right fielder Michael Cuddyer dropped a routine fly ball and Jose Mijares gave up two unearned runs.

Greinke (1-8) needed 102 pitches to get through five innings, allowing nine hits and six runs. His 4.05 ERA is the highest it's been since Aug. 9, 2008.

Athletics 10, Angels 1

At Oakland, Kurt Suzuki went 4 for 5 with a homer and four RBIs to help Vin Mazzaro get the win in his second start of the season, and Oakland snapped Los Angeles' six-game winning streak.

Ryan Sweeney added three hits and scored three times, and Jack Cust hit a two-run homer for the Athletics, who had lost six straight home games to their AL West rivals before breaking through against Jered Weaver (5-3) and the bullpen.

The strong outing by Mazzaro (2-0) in place of injured Brett Anderson was a big reason for Oakland's success. The A's put the game away with four runs in the seventh and three in the eighth.

CNMI Nationals join UFO caging; opening date moved

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Competition in the 2010 United Filipino Organization Inter-Organizational Basketball League is expected to be tougher this season with the entry of the CNMI Men's National Team to the field.

The CNMI Men's Nationals will be up against reigning champion MDX-Chow Queen, four-time titlist Samahang Ilokano at Pangasinense, BAYANI, MAFEA-Konflict, and three other squads.

The participation of the CNMI Nationals in the open division of the UFO caging is a first, since in the first seven editions of the league, only players with Filipino lineage are allowed to play. This season, UFO made changes on eligibility rules, letting teams field one local player and another one from any nationality.

Half of the CNMI Nationals are locals, but coach Rufino Aguon also have on his roster several players with Filipino lineage—Jose Tumaquip, Peter Mendiola, Joe Villacrusis, Jericho Cruz, Keoni Chariton, and Quincy Johnson.

"We decided to make an exemption to the rule (one local and one non-Filipino player in each team) to help the CNMI Nationals in their preparation for the 2010 Micronesian Games. Part of the proceeds of the UFO caging will also be donated to the CNMI Men's Nationals," UFO vice president Paul Madriaga said.

"UFO is excited and proud to have them in this season and be part of their preparation for the Micro Games. This season will be an exciting one because of the entry of Nationals, who are expected to have a tough but clean fight against other UFO teams," Madriaga added.

The Men's Nationals will be competing in the Micro Games in Palau from Aug. 1 to 10. Besides the UFO caging, which will be played every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at the Garapan Basketball Court, Aguon's wards will also play in the 2010 Budweiser Basketball League. Games in the Budweiser caging are set every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and the league will kick off tomorrow.

Meanwhile, the kick-off date of the UFO caging has been moved from June 20 to July 11 to give teams more time to secure their respective uniforms. UFO is also giving way to Emon Lodge No. 179 Basketball League, which is scheduled to start on June 27 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The open division of the UFO caging will begin once the eight-team field is completed. Entrance fee in the open division is $500. The league will also have competition in the Masters division, which has a $300 registration fee. The Masters division is only for players in the 37-and-above age group.

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CAMACHO

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to outwrestle his opponent by a score of 2-0.

"This guy was a super good wrestler that pushed the pace and kept me on my toes," said Camacho.

Then Camacho faced a Judo student in the semifinals, who he reversed with a sweep to take a 2-0 judge's decision.

"The Judo player was very strong with almost unbreakable grips, but I stuck to the game plan that Master Lloyd and I were talking about and came away victorious," added Camacho.

Camacho advanced to the finals where he was pitted against his own teammate, D.J. Jackson. Camacho shined on to win with a 2-0 takedown.

"D.J. Jackson and I always have battles during training sessions—always! He is an amazing wrestler with good Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. I was really glad that the two of us closed out the division. I was so stoked I felt like crying afterward and that night our whole team celebrated at Fogo de Chao, a really good Brazilian BBQ… later on, I personally celebrated at IHOP with a super stack of pancakes," said Camacho.

The 21-year-old rising star has been studying Gi Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu for about two and a half years and currently trains in Camp Springs, Maryland under master Lloyd Irvin at Team Lloyd Irvin's Mixed Martial Arts Academy.

Camacho's ultimate goal is to someday be a mixed martial arts champion and has expressed intentions of continuously improving all aspects of his game.

"I just want to keep getting better. I will always be a student of the game. I'm naturally enjoying the journey and learning a lot," said Camacho.

He added that the BJJ World Championship competition really opened his eyes and he plans on continuing his BJJ studies to fine-tune his skill set.

"These competitions will only make me a better fighter, so I am in no rush to jump back in the cage. I have seen a lot of good fighters make that very mistake," stated Camacho.

With a 13-2 win-loss MMA record, Camacho has some big BJJ competition wins under his belt including Tokyo International BJJ Tournament Gold, New York International BJJ Silver, and his recent Mundials World Championships Gold.

When asked if he were interested in picking up any other fighting disciplines, Camacho responded, "I'm keeping an open minded approach as not to limit myself to any certain discipline…even to the extremes of knife fighting. The footwork and arm control is awesome for MMA. If you can master the footwork of fencing, it will greatly benefit your stand up game. So with that being said, limiting yourself to certain disciplines only holds you back."

Camacho said his recent success wouldn't have been possible with help from back home, where he started his career.

"Si Yu'us Ma'ase! Thank you very much to my family, friends and all the people of the Marianas for all your love and support. Thank you to Fokai Industries and Cuki Alvarez from Trench Tech Purebred Saipan for the support I needed to compete. Mom and Dad, none of this would be possible without your support. To everyone back home and kids especially, it's OK to dream big. Nothing is impossible; make your dreams your goals and don't let anyone or anything stop you or slow you down. Hard work will always beat talent—when talent refuses to work hard!"

HEO

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"I got a slot on the team as I got a full ride there. I don't know what number, but I will be playing as soon as the season starts," said Heo, who is now in Korea processing his student visa.

Before flying to Korea, Heo played in his first pro tournament through the 2010 Guam Futures last month, won in the qualifier, and made the main draw, but lost to tournament No. 7 seed and world No. 868 Joel Lindner of Australia.

In Guam, Heo met with HPU graduate assistant coach Hendrik Bode, who was once ranked No. 4 in NCAA Division II. Bode played in the Guam Futures and won his first match, but lost to Lindner, 6-7, 6-7.

"He (Bode) is a real good player and I'm excited to see players like that in HPU," Heo said.

The 2009-2010 men's roster of the Sea Warriors listed 13 players, who are from various countries—Germany, Bulgaria, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Austria, India, Belarus, and the U.S. The Sea Warriors' Sebastian Bader of Austria was named 2009 NCAA ITA Rookie of the Year West Region, while two other members of the team—Bode and Anastasia Ageychik—were also cited for their impressive performance in 2009.

Meanwhile, once done with his student visa processing, Heo will be going to Noumea to take part in Oceania Tennis Federation's elite program—the Oceania Pole. The program is a four-month junior player development plan consisting of training in New Caledonia with a small elite junior squad, local competition, and participation in eight international tournaments.

After his New Caledonia stint, Heo will not return to Saipan and will go straight to Hawaii.

"So that leaves me no time to say goodbye to the CNMI tennis community. I really didn't have time to say a proper goodbye to Kirk (Schuler), Jeff (Race), Todd (Montgomery), and all the tennis players in the CNMI, so I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to the Saipan tennis community for their support. I'll do my best in all the competitions and hopefully have a good result," Heo said.

SUBLEMENTE

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Tenorio's participation to the triathlon competition in the 2010 Micronesian Games in Palau.

The FundRacer was divided into three divisions; long, short/flat, and road. Thirteen riders joined the long course, 11 in the short/flat, and eight in the road.

Sublemente finished the long course more than two minutes ahead of Bob Ferrer, who also came in second behind the former in the Miego fundraiser. Ferrer clocked in 51:57, beating third placer Mark Isip, who submitted 57:00.

In the short course, Gary Bandoja was the top finisher at 59:50, followed by Nap Dizon (1:00:51), and Arnel Cruz (1:04:40). In the road bike event, Willie Barbo finished only eight seconds ahead of Renato Calage with the former timing in at 1:02:10 and the latter posting 1:02:18. Aldrin Sta. Ana completed the Top 3, recording 1:03:42.

Meanwhile, Tenorio would like to thank the following for supporting the race: Pacific Islands Club, Godfather's Bar, IT&E, DFS Galleria Saipan, Brabu Pharmacy, Coca Cola Beverage Company Micronesia/ Foremost, MARPAC, Ron Villafria, and I-Connect.

Tenorio will leave for Palau with Carey, Kieran Daly, and Matthew Mancao and hopes to give the CNMI medals in the individual and team events in the triathlon competition of the Micro Games. The quadrennial event will run from Aug. 1 to 10.

KAGMAN

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If Hussain was good in the first half, he was great in the second as the flashy forward caught fire with 17 more points in the second half to help Kagman 1-2-3 control the match.

Fasao also played a veritable Robin to Hussain's Batman, as the former scored nine more points for Kagman 1-2-3's cause.

This game went back and forth as both teams preferred to utilize a run-and-gun offense.

The Sixers' Ada added eight more points in the second half and received mixed support from Sheen Metron, Chris Duenas, Novo Pepito, and Josh Duenas.

The game, which was a rematch of last year's championship final, was touch and go in the final minutes with Kagman 1-2-3 finally eking out the win.

G-Rollers 64, Sonics 63

In the 15-and-under game Monday night, Angelo Limes led the G-Rollers to a barnburner 64-63 win over defending champion Sonics.

Limes busted out of the gate with an impressive 22-point performance in the first half. The opposing Sonics knew to watch out for him, but still failed to contain the fiery shooter.

The Sonics trailed 29-24 at halftime, but fought their way back in the second half to give Limes a run for his money.

However, the Sonics elected to just trade baskets with Limes instead of making defensive adjustments to try and shut him down. Limes would not be denied and finished out the game with a whopping 40 points as his team rolled on to the one-point win.

First Game

Kagman 1-2-3 71 – Hussain 25, Fasao 18, Reyes 10, Camacho 6, Brel 6, Lisua 2, Tom Pangelinan 2, Brandon 2.

Sixers 69 – Ada 23, Metran 11, Benavente 9, C. Duenas 9, Pepito 6, Jos. Duenas 5, Jose Duenas 4, Ano 2.

Scoring by quarters: 32-31, 71-69.

First Game

G-Rollers – Limes 40, Igitol 11, Dela Rosa 8, Mancen 3, Choiyman 2.

Sonics – Aranda 19, Mizer 10, Tudela 10, Darag 5, De Guzman 4, Alegre 9, San Nicholas 3, Escalada 2, Salem 1.

Scoring by quarters: 29-24, 64-63.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA LEADERS

Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Wade, MIA	5	62	27	166	33.2
Anthony, DEN	6	64	50	184	30.7
Bryant, LAL	17	178	110	501	29.5
James, CLE	11	106	88	320	29.1
Rose, CHI	5	57	18	134	26.8
Nowitzki, DAL	6	58	40	160	26.7
Durant, OKC	6	43	54	150	25.0
Williams, UTA	10	67	89	243	24.3
Stoudemire, PHX	16	124	107	355	22.2
Westbrook, OKC	6	43	32	123	20.5
Billups, DEN	6	37	37	122	20.3
Gasol, LAL	17	130	83	343	20.2
Richardson, PHX	16	112	44	316	19.8
Boozer, UTA	10	89	19	197	19.7
Butler, DAL	6	43	25	118	19.7
Ginobili, SAN	10	58	58	194	19.4
Pierce, BOS	18	110	97	349	19.4
Aldridge, POR	6	40	33	114	19.0
Duncan, SAN	10	78	33	190	19.0
Nelson, ORL	14	91	51	266	19.0

FG Percentage

	FG	FGA	PCT
Thomas, CHA	15	24	.625
Howard, ORL	86	140	.614
Bynum, LAL	65	113	.575
Millsap, UTA	70	122	.574
Gasol, LAL	130	230	.565
Wade, MIA	62	110	.564
Nowitzki, DAL	58	106	.547
Boozer, UTA	89	168	.530
Noah, CHI	28	53	.528
Horford, ATL	67	128	.523

Rebounds

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Boozer, UTA	10	33	99	132	13.2
Noah, CHI	5	20	45	65	13.0
Howard, ORL	14	38	117	155	11.1
Gasol, LAL	17	65	123	188	11.1
Camby, POR	6	16	44	60	10.0
Duncan, SAN	10	30	69	99	9.9
James, CLE	11	15	87	102	9.3
Odom, LAL	17	51	105	156	9.2
Horford, ATL	11	28	71	99	9.0
Wallace, CHA	4	2	34	36	9.0

Assists

	G	AST	AVG
Williams, UTA	10	102	10.2
Nash, PHX	16	161	10.1
Rondo, BOS	18	178	9.9
James, CLE	11	84	7.6
Rose, CHI	5	36	7.2
Kidd, DAL	6	42	7.0
Wade, MIA	5	34	6.8
Billups, DEN	6	38	6.3
Bryant, LAL	17	105	6.2
Westbrook, OKC	6	36	6.0

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	38	20	.655	—
New York	36	22	.621	2
Boston	35	25	.583	4
Toronto	33	26	.559	5 1/2
Baltimore	16	42	.276	22

Central Division

Minnesota	34	24	.586	—
Detroit	30	27	.526	3 1/2
Chicago	24	33	.421	9 1/2
Kansas City	24	35	.407	10 1/2
Cleveland	21	36	.368	12 1/2

West Division

Texas	31	27	.534	—
Los Angeles	32	29	.525	1/2
Oakland	31	29	.517	1
Seattle	23	35	.397	8

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	34	25	.576	—
Philadelphia	31	26	.544	2
New York	31	27	.534	2 1/2
Florida	28	31	.475	6
Washington	28	31	.475	6

Central Division

Cincinnati	33	26	.559	—
St. Louis	33	26	.559	—
Chicago	26	32	.448	6 1/2
Milwaukee	24	34	.414	8 1/2
Pittsburgh	23	35	.397	9 1/2
Houston	23	36	.390	10

West Division

Los Angeles	35	24	.593	—
San Diego	34	24	.586	1/2
San Francisco	32	25	.561	2
Colorado	30	28	.517	4 1/2
Arizona	23	36	.390	12

Yesterday's Games

Philadelphia 10, Florida 8
Washington 5, Pittsburgh 2
N.Y. Mets 2, San Diego 1, 11 innings
San Francisco 3, Cincinnati 0
Milwaukee 3, Chicago Cubs 2
Houston 4, Colorado 3
Atlanta 7, Arizona 5
L.A. Dodgers 1, St. Louis 0
Boston 3, Cleveland 2
N.Y. Yankees 12, Baltimore 7
Tampa Bay 9, Toronto 0
Texas 7, Seattle 1
Detroit 7, Chicago White Sox 2
Minnesota 7, Kansas City 3
Oakland 10, L.A. Angels 1

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2010 Women's Basketball League

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Green Team's Christina Engelhardt tries to hang on to the ball against two Bon-Faiyah defenders during their winner's bracket semis game in the 2010 Marianas Variety Women's Basketball League at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Bon-Faiyah's Becky Mettao embraces the ball to prevent two Green Team defenders from stealing it during Game 2 of their title showdown. Bon-Faiyah won, 78-73, to clinch the championship.

Team IDK's Roxanne Duenas goes for a layup against a Lady Eagles defender.

Green Team's Melody Matson, right, loses her balance after stepping on the foot of Bon-Faiyah's Nicole Lebria.

Team Solid's Lalaine Pagarao in action against the Lady Eagles.

Team Solid's Nikita Hofschneider dribbles toward their frontcourt in a fastbreak play.

A Lady Eagles player, left, tries to look for a teammate to pass the ball to.

Team IDK's Jamie Mendoza, left, fakes off the defense of a Lady Eagles player.

Team Solid's Amy Sletten dribbles out of her defenders.

Bon-Faiyah's Yvonne Bennett pulls up for a shot against a Green Team defender during Game 1 of their title duel. Bon-Faiyah won, 63-62.

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Frank Camacho strikes gold anew

»Wins middleweight in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu World Championships

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Frank "The Crank" Camacho won a gold medal in the Mundials Blue Belt Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu World Championships held last June 4 at California State University in Long Beach, California.

The former Universal Reality Combat Championships light heavyweight champion competed in the Medio, or 181-lb. middleweight class with a Gi. Similar to a kimono, a Gi is a uniform worn by a practitioner of martial arts.

"Martial arts helped me to become very goal-oriented. It took months and months of hard training, three times a day, for this one title, but working hard for something and accomplishing it is simply one of the best feelings in the world," added Camacho.

Camacho outlasted a pool of 83 competitors and endured six matches on his way to being proclaimed a gold medal world champion.

In his first match, Camacho won via submission when he used a Kimura lock to beat his opponent 30 seconds into their match.

He then submitted his second opponent with a back bow and arrow choke. Camacho then cranked out another Kimura to submit his third opponent and advance to the quarterfinals.

In the quarterfinals, Camacho came up with a takedown

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Frank Camacho, in blue Gi, celebrates on the podium after winning the Blue Belt Brazilian Jui Jitsu Mundials World Championship-Medio Division gold medal.

Heo to play college tennis at Hawaii Pacific

Heo

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CNMI junior player Ji Hoon Heo is starting a new chapter in his tennis career, as he heads to Honolulu to suit up for Hawaii Pacific University tennis varsity team.

The Sea Warriors are an NCAA Division II team under the Pacific West group. HPU began fielding a team in NCAA Division II in 1998 and was ranked No. 6 in the group at the end of the 2009. The Sea Warriors' highest ranking was at No. 5 last year after they finished first in the West Region.

HPU's men's and women's tennis teams are handled by former All-American Stefan Pampulov, an HPU alumni and winner of the 2008 ITA Men's Coach of the Year Award for the West Region and 2008 USTA/ITA Community Outreach Award for the Hawaii Pacific Region.

"I am really looking forward to the opportunity to play for HPU and bring my game to a higher level," said Heo, who received a full scholarship from HPU. "I want to have a big impact on the team and hopefully lead the team to victory in the NCAA. I can't wait to play tennis 24/7 in college."

The Marianas High School student, who will be missing his graduation rites this month as he is scheduled to travel to New Caledonia during the Dolphins' commencement exercise on June 14, said he is expecting to play for HPU as soon as the 2010-2011 season begins.

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Kagman 1-2-3, Rollers win as youth caging starts

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Kagman 1-2-3 debuted strong in the 18-and-under division of the 2010 UBA Youth Basketball League, winning the competition's opener against the Sixers, 71-69, Monday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Guard Taro Fasao and swingman Saj Hussain played inspired ball in the first half, totaling nine and eight points, respectively.

But the Division II champs a year ago struggled as last year's runner-up Sixers led the majority of the first half, thanks to timely sniping by sharpshooter Joe Ada, who had 15 big points in the first 20 minutes of action.

Fasao and Hussain brought Kagman 1-2-3 back in the later part of the first half, as the former Kagman Ayuyus took a candlestick lead going into the second half, 32-31.

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Kagman 1-2-3 guard Saj Hussain goes up for a layup against Sixer's Sheen Metran in the 18-and-under opening game of the Unified Basketball Association youth caging Monday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Sublemente tops another MTB race

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Butch Sublemente, seen here entering the finish line loop of a fundraising mountain bike race, ruled the Lewie MTB FundRacer held last Sunday in Marpi.

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Veteran biker Sublemente ruled another mountain bike race after crossing the finish line first in the Lewie's MTB FundRacer held last Sunday in Marpi.

Sublemente timed in at 49 minutes and 50 seconds in the race that started and ended at Paupau beach and took riders to Banzai trail, Grotto trail, down to the Grotto parking lot, and up to Autobahn.

Riders also went to Bird Island then up Kimikaze, turned left toward the top of Suicide Cliff, turned left again on the jeep road behind the golf course, shifted to right on the trail that leads to the road to the golf course, took another left at the bottom of the hill (just across Marianas Country Club), and then went back to Paupau.

It was the same long course used for the Mieko MTB fundraiser, which Sublemente completed with the race's best time of 49:23.

Sublemente was among the 32 riders who participated in last Sunday's race, which aimed to raise funds for Lewie

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